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THE TROUBLES IN
TORONTO JAILWITNESSES GIVE EVIDENCE
BEFORE COMMISSIONIt is Hinted That Religious Prejudice Is
Real Root of Dispute Among
Guards.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Testimony relating to disputes and quarrels amongst fifteen guards of the Toronto jail was heard from witnesses after witnesses at the investigation into the conduct of Governor Van Zant before a commission. Judd Lewis, William McIntosh, a young Scotchman with a ready tongue, who apparently is acquainted fairly well with conditions at the jail, expressed the belief that the guards were orange-men, and did not wish Guard Connolly, a Roman Catholic, there, because he was a Roman Catholic. There were some hints that the religious prejudice was the real root of the trouble.

Almost every guard called had a dispute of more or less importance with Connolly, who had a lawyer looking after his interests.

Further evidence was given to effect that prisoners were given tobacco in violation of the rules, while the regulations regarding visitors had not been enforced on many occasions. It was stated that some guards had been favored by the governor, and that some had been disfavored.

DARING ROBBERY.

Silver Plate, Diamonds and Jewelry Valued at Fifteen Thousand Dollars Stolen.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Silver plate, diamonds and jewelry valued at \$15,000 were stolen yesterday from the home of Mrs. John J. Stein, of the firm of Stein Bros., wholesale liquor dealers. The booty was packed into one of Mrs. Stein's trunks and carried away. Simultaneously with its disappearance two of the Stein servants, a man and his wife, who were engaged in work about a month ago, are said to have left hurriedly. The robbery occurred during the absence of the family, which yesterday moved to its city residence, leaving the servants in charge.

HARBOR COMMISSIONERS.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The cabinet today approved the members of the new board of harbor commissioners for Montreal. They are G. W. Stephens, C. C. Balantyne and L. E. Geof. Mr. Stephens' salary as chairman will be \$7,000, and that of his colleagues \$5,000 each. Their duties begin at January 1st.

C. LAURIER, M. P., DYING.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—A telegram received this morning says that Charles Laurier, M. P., is dying at St. Lin, Que. He is a half-brother to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The premier will leave at 8:20 p. m. for St. Lin. Lady Laurier returned from there to-day.

LABOR COUNCIL MEETS.

Rumor of Importation of Machinery From England to Be Investigated.

Anti-Tuberculosis Fund.

Last evening the Victoria Trades and Labor Council held a meeting in Labor hall. Delegate Waters' occupying the chair in the absence of President Gray. A letter was read from the latter in the course of the evening in which Mr. Gray, who is in Southern California for his health, stated that he would return about the middle of January, but he could never be a candidate for office again as he intended to reside in Vancouver for the future.

The executive reported that it recommended the strike of the L. & N. P. R. R. by the trustees. This report was adopted, and J. D. McNeven, M. P., requested to take the necessary steps.

The special committee appointed to investigate the matter of prisoners being used as strike-breakers reported that it had interviewed Hon. Mr. Fulton, attorney-general, and that a date had been set for a conference, when the matter would be fully gone into.

Another report was received from a special committee which had been appointed to investigate the rumor that the B. C. Marine Railway Company intended to import the machinery for the new government hydrographic steamer from England instead of having it made in home works, as had been understood when the company obtained the contract. The committee had been unable to obtain any definite information, and it was decided to write Mr. Bullen asking for particulars, and for a statement of the terms under which the steamer would be constructed.

The Trades Congress appealed for funds to carry the case of the Toronto Metal Workers' Union appeal against the judgment given in their lawsuit with the Metal Workers' Company in the Ontario Supreme court to England. This matter was referred to the finance committee.

The secretary was instructed to write all unions appealing for subscriptions to the anti-tuberculosis fund.

GOLD RESERVES.

British Government Will Probably Take Some Action When the House Reassembles.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 20.—Sir Felix Schuster, member of the council of India and governor of the Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd., in an exhaustive review, read last night before the Institute of Bankers, emphasized the inadequacy of the gold reserve held in England by comparison with the much larger reserves held in other countries of Europe and the United States. Special importance attached to the paper because of the report that his recommendations are likely to form the basis of the action to be taken by Mr. Asquith, chancellor of the exchequer, and the government to remedy existing deficits. The papers are given great prominence by the newspapers this morning, and hopes are expressed that the government will take action in the premises when parliament reassembles.

AIRSHIP WILL

SOON BE COMMON

AND FRANCE PREPARES TO SOLVE NEW PROBLEMS

Commissioners Have Been Appointed to Elaborate Plans to Meet Changed Conditions.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 20.—So confident is the French government that the day is only a short distance off when aerial locomotion will be practical that several commissions are at work elaborating plans for meeting in the various branches of the public service the solution of new problems which the evolution will entail.

Capt. Ferber, of the French army, who is devoting all his time to aerostatics, and who conducted the negotiations on behalf of his government with the Wright Bros., agrees with Santos Dumont that flying machines in a few years will be as common as automobiles to-day. In the next war he is convinced that there will be battles between flotillas of air ships.

"Human mastery of the air," said he to the Associated Press, "is a virtual achievement of the past; neither steam, electricity nor the telephone, can compare with what the future holds in store for us. Not only will the life of individuals be revolutionized, but governments will be compelled to devise in almost every department new methods to meet the changed conditions. These changes will come with amazing suddenness, and France is taking precautions to meet it. In the customs service, present methods of watching the frontiers will be obsolete. Aerial patrols will be necessary to prevent smuggling across the border.

"The police of all countries will have to be provided with flying machines in order to protect the people from the new opportunities of crime which aerial locomotion will place in the power of criminals. It would seem that flying machines would enable anarchists to achieve any end by threats against not only rulers but whole cities. With the police sailing about in the air it will be no more difficult to frustrate their plots than it is now on solid ground.

In war time the intelligence service will be entirely changed. The airship divisions and armed airships will guard the bivouacs of armies."

Captain Ferber believes the solution of the problem of aerial navigation lies in the question of equilibrium as the principal of flight, that is area of aerodynamic surface and speed. He contends that the domination of the air at present enjoyed by birds will be only obtained as a result of a slow process of evolution comparable in a way to the slow perfection of the present means of flight.

PATHETIC CONDITION OF

MR. CHAMBERLAIN

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from London says: "The long retirement of Joseph Chamberlain, owing to gout and other ailments, has led to constant assertions and contradictions regarding the gravity of his condition. The Chronicle states that he greatly overtaxed himself at the celebration in honor of his 70th birthday in Birmingham with the result that he lost his memory completely, the past became a blank to him, and he could not remember what had taken place even a few hours before, and although his other faculties were and are uninjured, his memory is gone."

BANK LOOTED.

Two Robbers Made Their Escape With Four Thousand Dollars.

(Associated Press.)

Texarkana, Ark., Dec. 20.—The Bank of Horatio, Ark., was looted by two robbers yesterday afternoon of \$4,000. Several shots were fired at the fleeing robbers, who escaped.

In a bushel of wheat there are about 100,000 seeds.

BAD WEATHER HITS
RAILWAY COMPANYCOST CANADIAN PACIFIC
QUARTER MILLION DOLLARSEngine Wiper Crushed to Death—Tug
Dispatched to Aid Light Keepers
Marooned on Island.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Dec. 19.—The earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the week ending December 14th show that approximately the weather disturbances of the seven days in question cost the road a quarter million dollars.

Provincial Taxation.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—An influential deputation of officials of the Canadian life insurance companies of this province waited on Premier Gouin and the provincial treasurer to-day and laid before them a lengthy memorial on the question of provincial taxation on insurance companies. Particular objection was taken to the levy of a tax of 14 per cent. on the gross income of the companies. It was admitted that provincial taxation pressed unduly on companies, and that a revision would shortly be undertaken.

Death of Ex-Alderman.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 19.—James Reynolds, one of St. John's leading citizens, died yesterday in his 86th year. He was one of the city's most public spirited citizens. He was for two years an alderman, was president of the St. John Relief and Aid Society, which handled funds at the time of the big St. John fire, and for years, until August last, was chairman of the board of health.

Destroyed By Fire.

Deseronto, Dec. 19.—Balfour house, the residence of Col. Rathbun, was totally destroyed by fire this afternoon. The contents were mostly saved. Colonel and Mrs. Rathbun were out of town.

Church Dedicated.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—A new Catholic church was dedicated on Sunday at Vegreville. Bishop Leman, of St. Albert, officiating.

Jail Over-Crowded.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—There are forty-eight prisoners in the Edmonton penitentiary, and the building was not intended for more than 42, there being 25 cells in the men's ward and 7 in the women's ward.

Alberta Legislature.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Alberta's legislature has been called for January 24th.

Engine Wiper Killed.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—F. W. Green, an engine wiper, aged 32, was killed in the railway yards last night by being crushed between two engines. His wife lives in Farnham, Que.

Hockey Match.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—The Manitoba hockey league series was opened to-night with a surprisingly good game between the Kenora Thistles and Winnipeg St. Norberts. The latter team included in the line-up Ken of Ottawa, who showed up well. The champion Thistles won out by a score of 6 to 2.

Barrister Dead.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Geo. H. West, of Munro & West, barristers, died this morning after four weeks' illness.

Fire at Regina.

Regina, Dec. 19.—Fire did considerable damage to the Grand hotel this morning.

Reported Dying.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 19.—Woolly Bear, the Indian murderer whose death sentence has been commuted to life imprisonment, is dying in jail.

Coal Shipments.

Port William, Ont., Dec. 19.—There is now at the head lakes about one hundred thousand tons of commercial coal, eighty thousand tons of which is stored at the Canadian Pacific docks in Port William. All but a very small portion of this is anthracite, and is consigned to Winnipeg merchants. Hard coal is being shipped west at the approximate rate of nine hundred tons a day.

Shooting Fatality.

Gananoque, Ont., Dec. 20.—Miss Lucy Penneck was drowned while skating here.

Will Extend Premises.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Thirty-five feet next to the Bank of Nova Scotia has been bought by the bank for \$3,500 a foot for an extension of the premises.

House of Bishops.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The Archbishop of Rupert's Land, chairman of the general synod, has called a meeting of the house of bishops in Toronto on January 16th to elect a primate of all Canada in succession to the late Archbishop Holford. The house of bishops of the provincial synod will meet in the morning to elect an archbishop and metropolitan for the ecclesiastical province of Canada.

Lightkeepers Marooned.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Three keepers of Manitou Island light are marooned on Manitou Island in Lake Superior. Storms have made it impossible for the men to reach the mainland in their small boat. A fast tug, fully provisioned, has left the Soo and will probably reach the men on Thursday, but it is feared they may be short of provisions.

Claims Settled.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Mrs. H. E. Terry was killed in an elevator accident at Eaton's department store here on November 14th. A settlement has been sanctioned by the court whereby the husband gets \$2,000 and four children \$2,000 among them.

POLICE CHIEF WOUNDED.

Terrorists Threw Bomb at His Carriage and Also Fired at Him With Revolvers.

Lord, Dec. 19.—An attempt to assassinate Chief of Police Cheshamovsky was made here to-day, but the officer escaped with slight injury to his right foot.

The would-be assassins hurled a bomb beneath his carriage and opened fire on him with revolvers, but did not accomplish their object. The terrorists escaped.

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REACTIVITY MARKET

STILL VERY BRISK

PROSPECTIVE CHANGE IN CITY'S APPEARANCE

Active Business Reported on All Hands, and Unprecedented January Influx of Investors Expected.

Although no deals of exceptional interest are recorded in this morning's market, still there is no falling off in either the inquiry or the demand. The storms in the interior of the Dominion have delayed the arrival of many intending investors, but it is thought among local agents that the New Year will see an unprecedented influx of the "seekers after loans."

The progressive outcome of the present activity is already making itself felt in a marked manner. On all sides loans are being cleared, buildings are rapidly being put up, and the Victorian of years to come will have considerable difficulty in remembering his city as it used to be in the days gone by.

W. Ridgeway, who has in hand the remodeling of the ground floor of the Vernon block, a new arrival in the city has leased the saloon, while two other stores have also been rented, and a sum of \$2,000. This morning four more lots in the same neighborhood were sold for \$1,200. These also were bought up by local men.

A feature of the market at present is the demand among the Chinese for acreage within the city limits. Many of these who are capitalists are snapping up land on all sides, and they are regarded among the local agents as very shrewd investors.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIX.

(Associated Press.)

Holldaysburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Elizabeth Stacey, of Williamsburg, celebrated her hundred and sixtieth anniversary of her birthday last night. Among the telegrams of congratulations she received was one from President Roosevelt.

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BACK FROM VANCOUVER.

Dr. Milne Returns After Conferring With Mr. Robinson, Sent From Ottawa.

Dr. G. L. Milne, Dominion immigration officer, returned from Vancouver last night where he went by request to confer with Mr. Robinson, who had been sent out from Ottawa to inquire into the conditions of the Hindus at Vancouver, over which there had been considerable fuss made. Dr. Milne says that he did not find a great many of the Hindus in the Terminal City, the major number of those who had come on the steamers some weeks ago having been pretty well distributed over the province.

The doctor met his wife, who came through from the East yesterday. She has been six weeks away from Victoria, during which time she has been visiting in Philadelphia, Toronto and Woodstock. On her trip West she only did encountered what that of a day at Wilfrid Fish, where a bridge had been burned. There were no snow blockades, but through the Territories the weather was very cold, and in some places there were three engines attached to the train on which she travelled, this being, it was explained, for the purpose of keeping up the required amount of steam necessary for the making of time.

DIVIDEND SEEKERS BUSY.

Green-Worlock Estate Pays Twenty Per Cent—Opportunity Cheque Awaits Protestant Orphanage.

Throughout the day a continuous stream of dividend seekers passed to and from 18 Truncheon avenue. The occasion was the payment of a dividend on the Green-Worlock estate.

In 1904 the bank of Green-Worlock & Co. suspended payment. Shortly afterwards a dividend of 5 per cent. was declared, and again at the beginning of this year one of 25 per cent. The present dividend is one of 20 per cent., making in all 50 per cent.

By 1 o'clock to-day a sum of \$12,000 had been paid out by the trustees, B. S. Holmstrom. There are yet, however, numerous cheques awaiting the quondam customers of Green-Worlock & Co., and the trustee expresses the hope that these will be called for before Christmas. Some of the funds of the Protestant Orphanage had been invested in the now defunct bank, and there is at present a cheque in the neighborhood of \$250 awaiting this institution at Truncheon alley.

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 20.—The Bank of England's rate of discount remains unchanged to-day at 4 per cent.

FRENCH SEPARATION LAW.

The Pope Says Situation Has Caused Him Great Grief—No Change in Policy.

(Associated Press.)

Rome, Dec. 19.—No steps have been taken by the Vatican to entrust any European power with the protection of the archives of the papal nunciature at Paris. The attitude of the Vatican towards the new French government bill amending the separation law of 1905 in regard to the conducting of public worship is said by the papal authorities to be "distrustful," the latter being convinced of the necessity of continuing in the way they have already taken in order to obtain at least tolerable conditions for the church in France.

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AWAITING BY-LAW.

John Arbuthnot Says the Improvements at Nanaimo Mills Depend on Railway Connection.

John Arbuthnot has returned from Nanaimo where the mill recently purchased by him was inspected with a view to the improvements contemplated. On Saturday a by-law will be voted upon in the Coal City relative to the granting of permission for a spur line being built from the E. & N. to the mill.

There is a general feeling that the by-law will carry, but pending the decision being reached, Mr. Arbuthnot's company is doing nothing towards improving the plant.

If it carries extensive alterations are planned and will at once be carried out.

FRENCH WRECKED.

Little Steamer, Belonging to Capt. Gardner, of Vancouver, Struck Rock Last Night.

The captain of the little steamer French, belonging to Capt. Gardner, of Vancouver, came to the city early this morning and reported to the management of the B. C. Salvage Company that the vessel had struck on a rock at Cordova Bay last night. She keeled over, he said, and went down. She struck at 9:30 o'clock, and as the captain had left the scene of misfortune at an early hour it was impossible to calculate on what engine she would be in as the tide fell as the steamer Maude at once proceeded to the wreck. Up to the hour of going to press she had not returned to Esquimalt.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Dr. Ernest Hall Has Definitely Decided That He Will Not Seek Re-Election.

An endeavor was made this afternoon to communicate with all members of the school board whose term of office expires this year to ascertain if they intend offering themselves for re-election, but two out of the three were all who could be seen. Trustee Jay said at present he felt inclined to let some one else have his position on the board another year. He had six years' experience, and that, he thought, was long enough, although he did not yet definitely decide on what would be his course of action. Dr. Ernest Hall said that he would not run again, and as for Trustee Huggert it is not known yet what he intends doing as he is now out of the city.

Speaking of the appointment of a music teacher on the staff of the city schools, Trustee Jay explained that nothing could be done this year as no provision had been made in the school estimates. It, therefore, remained with the incoming board to deal with. He understood, however, that the four whose term does not expire for another year are in favor of the appointment of a musical teacher, so that there was a good prospect of one being secured another year.

VISIT TO CAPE BEALE.

Newspaper Men Will Write Up Storm Centre and View Scene of Valencia Disaster.

W. Deffenbaugh, a magazine writer on the Seattle Times, and H. C. Dayton, an artist on the staff of the same paper, are at present in the city. To-night they will make Queen City for Cape Beale and the vicinity with the object of putting together a series of articles dealing with that section of the Coast.

If possible they will land at Cape Beale. On the Queen City will also be two passengers for the Cape in the persons of children of Lighthouse Keeper Paterson. The newspaper men propose making the same trip as Mrs. Paterson when she carried the news of the Coloma's dilemma to Banfield. It is their intention to visit Rechart and other interesting points in the storm centre of the Coast. They will also endeavor to see the site of the Valencia disaster. As present arrangements stand, they will return on the Quadra, which is expected to reach here on Christmas day.

The funeral of Capt. John Nickells took place this afternoon from the residence of his daughter, Mary, at Victoria West, at 2:30, and at Christ Church cathedral at 3 o'clock. Rev. Canon Beaudouin conducted appropriate services, and the following acted as pallbearers: Capt. Hicks, Capt. W. D. Owen, Capt. D. McIntosh, J. A. Grant, P. Morrison, and A. Robertson. A large number attended and many beautiful floral tributes were presented.

THE DEFEAT OF EDUCATION BILL

PARLIAMENT WILL NOT BE DISSOLVED

Many Liberals Doubt if Appeal to Country on Measure Would Be Successful.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 20.—There will be no dissolution of parliament as a result of the action of the House of Lords in defeating the government's education bill. Although the rejection of this, the main Liberal measure of the session, is the most serious rebuff Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's cabinet has yet suffered it is not regarded as being sufficiently grave to necessitate an appeal to the country. Whether the government could now successfully appeal to the nation on the education bill is a question on which even many Liberals are in doubt. The only immediate effect of the step taken by the upper house, therefore, will be to give an enormous impetus to the Radical agitation in favor of curbing the veto powers of the peers and to furnish the Nonconformists with a new gun and ammunition in their fight for the disestablishment of the Church of England.

There is to-day a widespread impression that a purely secular education bill will be introduced during the next session of parliament, while no doubt the cabinet during recess will consider what means are possible to prevent the Lords from nullifying the prolonged labors of the Commons and their veto of measures passed twice by the lower house.

It is the general view of politicians that the peers have entered into a constitutional struggle embracing much more than the educational bill. The Liberal promise that there shall be no cessation of the fight until the constitutional issue is ended as to whether the Liberal party is to be forever operated by the "standing committee" of the Tory peers.

King Edward to-day received the Premier, Mr. Asquith, and it was understood that His Majesty wished to be fully informed regarding the cabinet's views on the political situation as effected by the education question.

Premier's Speech.

London, Dec. 20.—The education bill was hurried by Premier Campbell-Bannerman in the House of Commons this afternoon. After a speech defending the course of the lower house in rejecting the House of Lords' amendments and repudiating the claim of the peers that they have the right to lecture the Commons on the subject, the premier announced that the government had decided to withdraw the measure.

"Is the general election, and its result to go for nothing?" he asked with warmth. "It is intolerable that the second chamber, while its party is in power, shall be its willing servant and that when that party is emphatically condemned by the country, it shall still be able to thwart and distort the policy which the electors have approved. It may be necessary to submit for amendment, but neither the resources of the British constitution nor the House of Commons are yet wholly exhausted and a way must and will be found whereby the will of the people, expressed through their elected representatives in the House of Commons will be made to prevail."

Prolonged cheers followed the speech.

PRINCE RUPERT.

Townsite Will Not Be Placed on Market Until Next September.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—The townsite of Prince Rupert will not be put on the market by the Grand Trunk Pacific till next September, according to an announcement made to-day by E. G. Russell, executive agent of the line in the west, after returning from the north.

Mr. Russell added that it had not been expected that the work of improving the townsite would have been so large as it turned out to be. Mr. Russell added: "I think the Vancouver Board of Trade is making a great mistake in asking the government to enforce the coasting laws, which prohibit American vessels carrying goods from Vancouver north. There is no more reason why they should be applied now than at the first of the Klondike rush. There are too few Canadian steamers to take care of the trade. Comfort is not to be found on the present coasting steamers. The Tees and Anier are the front and rear ends of the ark, and you know Noah quit the ark."

Mr. Russell said the weather was comparatively warm at Prince Rupert.

KING OSCAR IMPROVING.

(Associated Press.)

Stockholm, Dec. 20.—King Oscar continues to make good progress towards recovery.

PERSONAL.

J. B. Mosely, of Spokane; Ed. Garrow, of Harrison, Idaho; and E. L. Victor, of Wallawa, Oregon, are at the Driard.

Mr. Victor, a former Victorian, and now a resident of Seattle, is visiting his mother and sister, of Monks street, James Bay.

J. A. Knox, of Revelstoke, is a guest at the Balmoral. M. Oldfield, wife and daughter, of Winnipeg, are at the Driard.

Mrs. Bodley, of Duncan, is a guest at the King Edward. G. W. Gucker, of Edmonton, is registered at the King Edward.

The fire department is engaged this afternoon in destroying some condemned buildings on Horad, between Government and Store streets.

SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT

W. J. Woods, Accused of Stealing Money at Sidney, Found Guilty in County Court.

In the County Court to-day before Judge Lampman the case of Rex vs. Woods was tried. W. J. Woods, the accused, was charged with having stolen \$250 from Alex. Menagh at Jensen's hotel, Sidney, on Friday, November 23rd.

The arrest, it will be remembered, was made by Provincial Officer Carter on information supplied from Sidney. Woods was committed for trial by Magistrate Hall and elected for speedy trial, which took place to-day.

The crown in the case was represented by Geo. Morphy, while Frank Higgs appears for the accused.

The circumstances connected with the case were outlined by the crown as follows: Alex. Menagh, the person who lost the \$250, went into Jensen's hotel on Friday evening, November 23rd, with \$250 in a pocket book. His intention was to come to Victoria the following day and deposit the money. At the hotel in company with others a few games of seven-up were played. Menagh became intoxicated, and although Jules Brethour attempted to get him to leave for McLean's, where he was to spend the night, Menagh would not do so. Later he was escorted from the hotel by J. W. Woods, who was a watchman at the sawmill. Mr. Brethour accompanied Menagh to McLean's, where the night was spent. On dressing the next morning Menagh missed his pocketbook. As evidence against Woods it is pointed out that he had come to Victoria after this, and had \$156.10 exchanged at the Bank of B. N. A. into sovereigns and half sovereigns. He had then gone to the post office and sent sovereigns and half sovereigns to W. J. Woods at Sidney, registering as the sender W. Woods. At the time the post office officials advised the sending of the money by postal office order. Later the registered letter was received at Sidney, and Woods opening it displayed the coins, stating that it was a remittance sent from the old country.

Witnesses were examined this morning for the crown in support of this contention that Woods had appropriated the money.

For the defence the plea was put forward that there was no direct evidence against the accused, and on the other hand there was just as good reason to believe that Menagh lost the money from his pocket as that it was stolen.

His Honor, however, after hearing the evidence, came to the conclusion that Woods was guilty. There was in the evidence reason for believing that the accused was short of money just before that, and that afterwards he had abundance. The actions of the prisoner afterwards were very suspicious.

It was pointed out that there had been four convictions against Woods before. One was for supplying liquor to Indians, two for stealing money and one of obtaining money under false pretences.

Before passing sentence His Honor said that he believed that Woods had been trying to redeem himself, but that on that particular occasion he had failed. He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

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THE SHAH'S CONDITION.

Tehran, Persia, Dec. 20.—The Shah maintained his strength fairly during the last 24 hours, and was able to sign some of the imperial papers.

An appeal will be sought before the Supreme Court in the case of Victoria Corporation vs. Belyea. An application was made before Judge Lampman this morning in this connection. It was explained by J. P. Mann, representing the city, and Geo. Morphy, for A. L. Belyea, K. C., that both sides were anxious to have the question of the rights of the city with respect to the collection of the tax on practising lawyers thoroughly gone into. Judge Lampman said he was agreeable to the appeal being taken.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

DRIARD.
T. A. Gullander and wife, New York; T. Sweet, Astoria; B. F. Dickens, Vancouver; M. Oldfield, wife and daughter, Winnipeg; Chas. White, Vancouver; Mason T. Adams, Britannia; A. Brown, Saskatoon; J. Arbuthnot, Winnipeg; W. E. Jensen, Sidney; Henry Doyle, Vancouver; J. B. Mosely, Spokane; Ed. Garrow, Harrison, Idaho; and E. L. Victor, Wallawa, Oregon.

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POLITICAL LEADERS FAIL TO AGREE

EDUCATION BILL KILLED IN HOUSE OF LORDS

The Opposition Unable to Accept the Concessions Offered By the Government.

London, Dec. 18.—The Education bill received its death blow in the House of Lords to-day. Both sides spent the last three days in practically incessant conferences, with the object of discovering an acceptable compromise, but the opposition found themselves unable to accept the concessions offered by the government. These were formally presented by the lord president of the council, the Earl of Crewe, whom the House of Lords met this afternoon; but Lord Lansdowne, on behalf of the opposition, refused the proffered olive branch and moved that the Lords report their amendments to the bill. This was adopted by 122 to 52 votes, and the Education bill was thus killed.

There is no indication yet as to what course the government will pursue. There is the greatest resentment among the ministerial members of parliament that ten months of legislative work had been done for nothing. The feeling is strongest against Mr. Balfour, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons. He is held to be personally responsible for the failure to arrange a compromise.

The Duke of Devonshire in the course of the final debate, entered a strong protest against what he termed Lord Lansdowne's wrecking tactics and sided with the government in the minority.

There will be an exciting scene in the House of Commons to-morrow when the bill is returned from the upper House, and it is expected that Mr. Balfour, president of the board of education, may make some announcement of the government's intentions. It is not believed that the ministers contemplate an immediate appeal to the country.

FIREMEN KILLED

Explosions in Factory—One Man Dead and Two Others May Die.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 18.—By the explosion of dynamite in the factory of Joseph Carbo and John Niva, Italian, to-night, a fireman was burned to death, another was fatally burned and an assistant fire chief and another fireman were seriously and perhaps fatally burned. The proprietors were painfully burned and a boy was struck in the face by flying debris and severely hurt.

Fireman Harry Eady was killed; Fireman Edward Daly was fatally injured, and Assistant Chief George Munro was also seriously burned that he may die.

Assistant Chief Munro arrived to investigate reports that the Italians had a greater quantity of explosives in the place than the city ordinances permit. He and three firemen entered the building. With them went Fred Chitty, a boy, who, saying: "I'll show you how it happened," picked up a dynamite cap and hurled it to the floor. Three explosions followed in quick succession. The building collapsed and fire broke out. Fireman Eady was caught between the falling timbers, crushed to death and his body incinerated. All the injured were removed to hospitals. A search for the proprietors with the purpose of lynching them was started by a crowd. Carbo and Niva were then removed under arrest to a police station. Chitty was also arrested.

FATAL FIRE

Four Persons Perished in Apartment House at Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Four lives were lost and one person was fatally burned in a small fire in the Zenobia apartment house on Prospect avenue at the corner of West Huron street to-night. Other occupants of the house had narrow escapes, but a dozen were rescued by the firemen. The dead are P. M. Lombrecht, 45 years old; Mrs. Lombrecht, his wife, 40 years old; Ruth Crumlish, 3-year-old daughter of Mrs. C. Crumlish; Mrs. J. J. Fisher, of New York. Charles Beam, salesman for Wood & Co., of Buffalo, was fatally injured. The blaze was small and was quickly brought under control by the firemen. The financial loss is estimated at less than \$5,000.

Parisian life seems to agree with Parisians. The latest figures show in the city 10,500 octogenarians and 50 nonagenarians, of whom 85 are nearly 100. Six are over 102 years of age.



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SITUATION IN MOROCCO

Sultan Says He Intends to Suppress Disorders—Diplomatic Corps Demands Ratsuli's Departure.

Tangier, Dec. 18.—Mr. Gummere, American minister, in protesting to-day to Ben Mansour, the representative of the Ratsuli, against the beating of a native boy by adherents of Ratsuli, which Mr. Gummere was an eye-witness, received a most arrogant reply. Mr. Gummere thereupon retired in order not to exaggerate the incident. The Sultan's reply to the collective note of the Diplomatic Corps says it is his intention to suppress disorders. He regrets the abuse of authority by Ratsuli, and expresses a firm desire for the execution of the reforms decided upon by the Algeiras conference.

In reply to the answer of the Sultan, the diplomatic corps unanimously demanded Ratsuli's departure.

More Troops Required

Madrid, Dec. 18.—King Alfonso to-day assented to the ratification by Spain of the Algeiras convention on Moroccan affairs.

The Herald says that the Minister of Marine has received a demand for 1,000 reinforcements.

SLAUGHTER BY MUTINEERS

Twenty-eight Persons Killed and a Number Wounded.

Guayaquil, Dec. 18.—The garrison of Loja mutinied December 15th because the soldiers had not been paid for 60 days. It is added that the troops abandoned their barracks after killing three officers, ran through the streets firing, and later pillaged several houses and stores, killing 25 persons and wounding several others. Col. Paes started for Loja with troops to re-establish order. Col. Sarano has occupied Santa Rosa without resistance, the rebels under Capt. Smarrv retreating.

SHORTAGE OF FOOD

Instant Relief Required in North Dakota or Suffering Will Result.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 18.—Following the reports of fuel famine in the Northwest, come reports of a shortage of food supplies. Railway service has been interrupted by the cold and blizzards on the western prairies.

A telegram to-day from a citizen's committee of Ambrose, N. D., to the Journal, says that place is without coal and provisions and that twenty cars of fuel and food must be taken there by special train at once or great suffering will result.

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YELLOW FEVER

Former Resident of Montreal Is Studying Disease in South America.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Dr. S. W. Lorrain Thomas, a graduate of McGill, and former resident of Montreal, at present attached to Liverpool school of tropical medicine, has for the first time in the history of medicine succeeded in inoculating a chimpanzee with yellow fever from the bite of a mosquito. In private advice from Brazil, where Dr. Thomas is now experimenting, it is said that the chimpanzee had all the symptoms of yellow fever. If it can be established that the disease may be given from the chimpanzee to a human being, doctors may then proceed with the discovery of a cure through the chimpanzee. The Brazilian government has offered a prize of \$150,000 for the discovery of a cure.

Dr. Thomas graduated from McGill in 1897, and has since that time devoted himself to research. In 1904 he went to Brazil in charge of an expedition sent out jointly by the Brazilian government and the Booth Steamship Company for the purpose of studying yellow fever. Since that time he has been working in the wilds of not only Brazil but Peru and Ecuador.

HOTEL PORTER SUFFOCATED

St. Catharines, Dec. 18.—Owing to the short shortage of natural gas which has caused much inconvenience to the citizens of St. Catharines, Geo. Lindsay, twenty-six years of age, a porter at the New Murray hotel here, bought some charcoal to warm his bedroom. He was found dead in bed this morning by one of the bell boys, death being due to suffocation by the fumes given off by the burning charcoal.

ALARMING BLAZE

Firemen Worked in Clothes Which Were Encased in Ice.

Boston, Dec. 18.—A fire of threatening proportions to-day caused heavy damage in the block bounded by Tremont, Bromfield, Washington and Winter streets. The fire broke out on the lower floor of the Eldridge & Peabody furniture store, 110 to 116 Tremont street, the Studio building, and swept up through six floors of the

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structure. The roof fell in and the fire jumped across a narrow alley to the roof of the Orpheum theatre and to the top of the building occupied by the Tailor Clothing Co. The firemen had to work in the narrow alley on ice-coated ladders and fire escapes, with clothes encased in ice. The loss is about \$150,000. Several artists, architects, dentists and other occupants of the studio-building were burned out.

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CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

New York, Dec. 18.—Clasping her Christmas doll in her frightfully burned arms, little 5-year-old Florence Oist died at the Bellevue hospital to-night. The child, a daughter of a cab-driver, had been promised a doll in her Christmas stocking, and to-day her mother went out to make the purchase. During the latter's absence, Florence played with matches and set the house on fire. Her mother found her fatally burned at the hospital, where, in her single moment of consciousness, she asked: "Did Santa bring my doll?"

VICE-CONSUL DEAD

Mukden, Dec. 18.—The American Vice Consul General Nelson Fairchild shot and killed himself to-day. It is believed that the shooting was accidental.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND MUSIC.

An esteemed correspondent has requested the Times to take up the subject of placing vocal music on the curriculum of studies in the public schools of Victoria. There is no question that the matter is worthy of the most serious attention of the trustees. The gift of voice is one of the most precious of the inheritances of human kind. It is a delight alike to the singer endowed with the true note and to the hearer who has been given a discriminating ear. It is one of the distinguishing divisions between the proud man and the lower orders of creation. It is asserted that the exercises to which the vocal organs are subjected in the course of musical training are of a highly beneficial character physically, and that the practice of music is also a moral agent of considerable value. Upon the first point we confess we are not qualified to speak personally, being of the class that walks in darkness rather than in the light. As to the second we are sorry to confess we have some doubts, which may be founded upon false conceptions. At any rate we think it will be admitted that some of the poets who filled the atmosphere of the earth with the music of their songs and who were largely instrumental in the inspiration of others were not exactly examples of high moral character. We have even heard of present day vocal interpreters of the divinely inspired words of the masters so far forgetting the high moral note they sound nightly for the edification of multitudes of people as to bring themselves under the notice of policemen entrusted with the maintenance of order in the streets and the public parks. But then poets and artists, it will perhaps be said, cannot be bound around by the ordinary conventions of society. It is different with the scholars in our public schools. Instruction in vocal music, therefore we will grant, would have a highly beneficial moral and physical effect in their case. But we fear the trustees will say there are many things to be provided that are more essential than musical instruction. Our educational system has become very complex as it is. It has broadened out from precedent and example until we are sometimes constrained to wonder how the youthful mind contrives to assimilate all that is set before it. There are a goodly number of persons who contend that it is trimming, not elaboration, that is required. There is one fact that cannot be disputed—that housing accommodation is the thing most needed in Victoria at the present time. Our school buildings are far from creditable to us as the capital of British Columbia. And we fear it will be no easy matter to convince the ratepayers that they ought to vote more money for new and up-to-date structures. An influential element, led by our neighbor the Colonist, are so sorry to say, has been persistently striving to inculcate the belief that our municipal school system is all wrong in principle and ought not to be encouraged by voting money for new buildings or for any other purpose. We have been regularly told that our public schools are mischievous in their influence, because they create in the young false ambitions in life and false standards of living, unfitting the children for the sphere in which it had pleased Providence to place them. These pernicious effects, we are told, can only be overcome by planting public schools such as they have in England—Eton and Harrow and Rugby, for instance—with in the province. This tawdry doctrine, so thoroughly out of place and so completely at variance with the spirit of our national institutions, must be fought and overcome. We must first

THE DISTRICT NOMINATIONS.

D. M. Eberts, K. C., has been selected by the Conservatives of Saanich as the candidate of the McBride government in the provincial general elections which will be held shortly. Mr. Eberts is a most estimable gentleman and a very able man. Of a genial temperament, with a fine strain of true sporting blood surging in his veins, endowed in a high degree with the saving grace of humor, ardent in spirit serving the cause right or wrong, a versatile raconteur, the ex-Attorney-General is very popular amongst the "boys" of his particular circle. His one misfortune as a public man is, as he is reported to have said himself last night, that "dreadful stories" have been circulated about him. He is doubly unfortunate in the fact that the Premier whose cause he now espouses was the leader of the party which set the "dreadful stories" in circulation and which succeeded in proving the truth of the "dreadful" things to the satisfaction of the Premier then in power, who banished Mr. Eberts incontinently from his cabinet. But it appears Mr. McBride has put all these nasty yarns out of his recollection and buried them. He is ready to accept the slandered gentleman as one of his supporters.

perhaps to take him into his cabinet, because there is a portfolio vacant, and we doubt not it has been held out as a bait not only to the Conservative candidate in Saanich, but to his learned brother who has shouldered the flag in the Islands constituency, and doubtless to others. That is one of the peculiar ways in which the Premier displays his capacity as a leader.

We observe Mr. Eberts gives as one of the reasons why he would like a seat in the legislature that he is animated by an intense desire to serve the interests of Saanich constituency to the best of his ability and a burning zeal to do something for Vancouver Island. Perhaps there are other motives back of these. It might be considered impertinent if we were to inquire into these subjective affairs, therefore we shall pass them by for the time being. After all, the ambition to sit in the legislature and to serve the province is a perfectly legitimate one, and it is unfortunate that more highly qualified electors have not been brought under the impulse. Especially is this true of the agricultural interests. Here we have three legal gentlemen asking the farmers of the Islands of Saanich and of the Esquimalt districts to elect them as their representatives. Does this state of affairs imply that there is such a dearth of qualified men in the ranks of the Conservative party of the three constituencies that gentlemen of the legal profession who by the very nature of things cannot have a great deal of sympathy or insight into the requirements of agriculture must be called into service, granting that they have been called, and not chosen according to a pre-arranged programme?

Doubtless Mr. Eberts is sincere when he says that his one ambition is to serve the constituency he aspires to represent. But the question the Saanich electors ought to ask themselves is whether one of their own calling would not be more likely to hold and express views in harmony with the interests of agriculture when any matter affecting such interests came up for discussion and legislative action.

LORDS RAMPANT.

The Lords and the Commons of Great Britain have each other by the throat as a result of a highly acerbic division of opinion with respect to religious education in the schools. Neither side will yield an inch. The principle at stake is regarded as of so much importance that compromise is out of the question. There is no question as to which will win in the end, but in the meantime the battle has to be fought, and it may result in temporary complications of a highly interesting, if not a positively dangerous, character.

It is generally conceded that the educational question was the great issue in the late elections, which placed Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in power with a tremendous majority of members behind him. The feeling in the country was so acute that even the issue of the war in South Africa was relegated to a subordinate place in the political controversies. This point admitted, we cannot see what the Lords, acting in the interests of the Conservative party, can hope to gain by blocking the apparently expressed will of the people. It ought to be apparent to them that there is some danger of a situation developing that will carry popular sentiment to extremes and result in the passage of measures even more radical in their tendencies than the education bill. And, as presaging such a possibility, it is significant that the Irish members, who in the first instance opposed the government in its educational policy, have now joined forces with it, with the result that the amendment made to the educational bill by the Lords were rejected by the Commons by a record majority.

If the purpose of the Lords spiritual and temporal, acting on behalf of the party with which they are allied, perhaps we should say acting on behalf of the party of which they are now the principal strength—is to force a

dissolution and an appeal to the people on the issue, they may have reason to regret their decision. Recent by-elections have not given any indication of a change in public opinion. The tide is still running strongly with the government. Chamberlain, the representative of elements which gave the Conservative party strength and prestige, can never again become an active factor in public life. Balfour, who appeared strong when enshrouded in the mantle of Prime Minister, has cut but a sorry figure as leader of an opposition. Without a popular leader and enunciating a principle with which Great Britain as a whole has but little sympathy, what sort of a figure would the Conservative party cut in a desperate political contest at this time? It is but fragment of a party now. Does it, through its representatives of caste, fast becoming obsolete, invite annihilation?

Perhaps if the government declines to throw the country into the turmoil of such a contest as would be sure to ensue should the challenge of the Lords be accepted, a year's reflection and contemplation may convince the peers of the dangerous nature of the course they are now pursuing. Then they might be willing to accept a compromise that would not be completely destructive of the principle of the education bill.

The state of extraordinary activity in provincial ministerial circles seems to portend dissolution "at no distant date." But surely after the repeated denials of the Colonist, of the News-Advertiser, of the Premier, and of every one connected with or supporting the McBride government, that an election was contemplated, our esteemed contemporary will not have the face to announce to-morrow morning, or later, on its first page under a three-column head that the members of the legislature have been dismissed and that a new House will be elected early in the year 1907.

The Colonist leerily closes one eye as it tells its readers that slanders there have been in connection with Premier McBride's administration, but never a scandal. And our esteemed contemporary cannot poke its nose out of its office without encountering one or more of the Kalen Islanders.

CAPT. REID RETIRES.

"Capt. Reid has now retired from the command of the C. P. R. passenger steamer Beaver, and Tuesday Capt. Reid was at the helm for the first time," says the New Westminster News-Advertiser. Capt. Reid left the vessel, the officers and crew waited on him and presented a well worded address in which regrets were expressed at his removal. During the twenty years Capt. Reid had been with the company, he had always had the fullest confidence of both officers and men. They wished him success in whatever he might undertake, and hoped the time would soon come when he would be reinstated in the service. Accompanying the address was a handsome gold locket, for which Capt. Reid was thanked. Capt. Reid by the officers and crew of the steamer Beaver, Dec. 18th, '06. In reply, Capt. Reid expressed his warm appreciation of the good fellowship displayed by the officers and crew in their action, and also spoke of his appreciation of the friendly spirit which their act betokened.

VICTORIA SAILS.

The sealing schooner Victoria, which has for the past few days been anchored in James Bay, sailed yesterday for the sealing grounds. The Victoria, in charge of Capt. A. B. Whidden, is the first vessel of the Victoria Sealing Company's fleet to get away this season. She has been outfitted for a nine months cruise and carries a full complement of white sealers. The intention of Capt. Whidden is to follow the seal herd north from the southern coast, afterwards proceeding to the Copper Island ground, and in August, to the Behring Sea.

SHIPPING NOTES.

British ship Weatherfield arrived in the Roads to-day from Wellington, New Zealand. She has come here for a cargo of lumber which her skipper will buy. The vessel visited the Fraser last year.

Ship Chelmsford, which arrived at Port Townsend a few days ago, has been chartered to load lumber at Cape Beale. She will probably be towed to the river to-day.

Steamer Tosa Maru is due from Japan and the Orient on Christmas Day. The Kaga Maru sails outward on the same day.

Steamer Spokane of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's line, is due from San Francisco to-day.

R. M. S. Empress of Ireland was reported eight miles east of Cape Race at noon to-day.

Steamer Tremont, of the Boston Towboat line, is due from Oriental ports to-day.

The steamship Lake Manitoba sailed from Liverpool at 4 p. m. on Wednesday.

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BLACK PEAU DE SOIE WAIST, with transparent yoke of Chantilly lace, three large tucks and insertion across front, sleeve with deep cuff to elbow made of insertion and bands of silk, lace collar. Price \$9.00

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The British Columbia Salvage Company's steamer Salvor, Capt. Harris, arrived in Esquimalt last evening from Balclava Island, where the wreck of the steamer Themis was inspected. Capt. Harris reports that the Norwegian vessel is a total loss, lying fast on the rocks, with a list of twenty degrees to port and badly broken. Many plates are buckled and forward there is a big hole through which the water has flooded the No. 1 and 2 holds, the cargo from which has been completely washed away.

On Sunday afternoon the Salvor left Esquimalt with a wrecking party aboard, H. F. Bullen, of the salvage company, being in charge. Among those who made up the party were George Bushby, Douglas Bullen and Diver McHardy. Balclava Island was reached on Tuesday, and the wreck was observed, hard and fast on Cardigan Rocks, covered to the bridge. Everything movable on the vessel had been washed away, even to the wooden cabin, and the whole steamer was badly battered. A party went on board at low tide and found upon closer examination that the Themis was simply a hopeless wreck. The lightkeeper at Scarlet Point informed the party that the crew of the Themis had been taken off by the fishing steamer San Juan, and that no lives had been lost. At this time, according to the lightkeeper, the weather was finer than it had been for a month.

The steamer Henrietta, bound north to the wreck, was sighted off Salmon river from the Salvor. Capt. S. F. McKenzie, Capt. Kruger, of the Themis, and his wife and others were aboard the Henrietta. The latter steamer herself encountered a mishap on the trip, striking Danger Reef, off Ladysmith, on Monday morning. She was hung up at 5 o'clock in the afternoon she was floated without assistance, and proceeded to Ladysmith, where she coalled, and afterwards continued on her way north. According to telegraphic advices received by MacKenzie Bros., the Henrietta was but little damaged. Her trip north is in the interests of the underwriters, and Diver James Moore will survey the wreck of the Themis.

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New York, Dec. 10.—Returning steamships have brought back in the last week many diamond importers who went to Europe to get supplies for the holiday season, and they agree that the gems are scarcer and higher in prices than ever before in their experience.

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BIG DISPLAYS OF CHRISTMAS GOODS

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Indescribable Variety of Stock Carried
By Some of the Local Merchants.

In previous notices in the Times of displays at Christmas, a week some of the most important stores have not appeared. Owing to pressure of business many places throughout the city have left the matter of decoration to the last, and are only now giving touch of reasonable ornamentation to their windows. Shoppers continue to throng every store afternoon and evening, and the Santa Claus spirit of the times grows apace.

D. SPENCER, LIMITED.
To undertake an account of the "doings" at Spencer's this year is a task that can scarcely be accomplished through the columns of a newspaper with so much to narrate in such restricted space.

The first impressions one sustains upon entering this big store are the decorations and the beehive conditions that prevail wherever the eye rests. The decorations are certainly the most artistic and effective to be seen anywhere. Rectangular lattice work of white ribbon with realistic foliage entwined, and dainty peeps of different colored roses form the staple of a unique decoration. From the ceiling hanging in graceful curves are chains of roses in all conceivable colors, intermingled with the merry Christmas

balls. But the decorations are seen to their best advantage at night (more especially from the third floor), for in addition to the ordinary brilliant illuminations there springs into existence myriads of colored electric drops and Japanese lanterns, which shed their Oriental shade in pleasing contrast. It is "Fairland" at Spencer's, and the realistic effects have been produced through the art and craft of the Messrs. W. Spencer and Albert Lawrence. The show windows have reached a stage of perfection, but on Broad street, especially, has the hand of genius again been at work, and produced results that form the magnet for hundreds daily. It is the same simple story, but tabulated in the most vivid manner possible. In one window the youngsters have fallen asleep after a space of restless but joyful anticipation. The happy possession indicates that Santa Claus forms their little nightmare, unmindful of the fact that the good fellow is fast completing his old time mission of filling stockings and crowding children's delights wherever space admits. Christmas morning has broken, little feverish hands have unrolled every thing the good Father has left, and the little folks are laying them out for fond inspection.

The next scene is the due appearance at church, where frosted, snowy paths are traversed to the quaint church, realistically depicted on canvas in the background; and then the Xmas dinner amidst surroundings that spell comfort and ease. The lady of the house, surrounded by her domestic touches which only the gentler sex can complete.

It matters little which department the visitor enters, there is the same beehive enthusiasm. Yet whatever the pressure this extra heavy season means, under capable guiding hands runs just as smoothly as upon the most ordinary occasions. From the basement to the roof there are gifts within the reach of everyone's means to either satisfy the connoisseur or the most humble aspirant. To enumerate each department's unusual attractions would be almost impossible, but never

in the history of this store have the goods appeared so numerous, so attractive and at such popular prices. The bazaar and fancy fair abounds in everything that can possibly delight the youngsters—dolls, games, all the latest mechanical toys that human ingenuity can devise, whilst to older folks the mecca of gifts can satisfy the whims and fancies of the school boy to his paternal grandfather, or the school girl to her maternal grandmother.

The enterprise of this big store is apparent on every hand—courteousness and attention by its army of assistants prevails everywhere; rest and refreshment is meted out from a prettily draped Oriental tea room, whilst the strains of music from Spencer's orchestra complete harmonious scenes worthy of the greatest store of the West. Without doubt this firm's enterprise has overlooked nothing, anything nor anybody, and no one can afford to overlook Spencer's as things exist at Xmas 1906.

F. P. WATSON.

Christmas cheer, of the real cheering kind, is to be found at the grocery store of F. P. Watson. Everything that goes to make the Christmas dinner a success can be obtained there, besides strong lines of pretty and appetizing gifts, taking the form of fancy confectionery, dolls, and the like. Everything is of the finest, quality being the predominating feature of the festive stock.

THOMAS PLIMLEY.

The talking machine, whether it be a "Zonophone," "Gramophone," "Gramophone" or any other kind of "phone" or "graph," is still the most popular home entertainer, and will be until something more wonderful, and at the same time simpler and cheaper, supersedes it. Since this is not likely to happen for a long time it is safe to say that no present at Christmas time is more appreciated than a talking machine. Thomas Plimley's store on Government street is well stocked with all kinds of talking machines, and the intending purchaser can do no better than to visit it. In addition to the complete stock of cycles and cycle accessories always carried, something that is useful, that is pleasure-giving and satisfying in the way of a Yuletide gift is easily selected at Plimley's.

TERRY & MARETT.

Among the many fine Christmas displays to be seen in the city none are prettier than the windows of Terry & Marett's store at the corner of Fort and Douglas streets. Here an exhibition of "Candy Broom" candies has been made up in a most attractive and satisfactory manner. This candy display takes up one complete window. The other window gleams with mirrors, shaving sets, ebony-handled brushes and silver-mounted toilet cases, all peeping out from a profusion of brightly holly and berries of Yuletide. The windows are fitting representatives of the fine stock carried by the firm.

A. SHERET.

A. Sheret, the plumber and outfitter, displays a fine class of goods for the holidays as well as for the ordinary trade. His premises on Fort street are heavily stocked with the very latest but room supplies and other necessities for the home. There is nothing lacking, and the most fastidious taste may readily be satisfied in this thoroughly up-to-date shop. Intending purchasers should not omit to visit the premises of Mr. Sheret before making a choice.

SWEENEY & MCCONNELL.

The window of Sweeney & McConnell on Langley street, opposite the court house, has a pretty display of Christmas cards. This firm make a specialty of fine job printing, as well as rubber stamps of all kinds.

B. C. FURNITURE CO.

This old established firm is making an effort during the holiday season to dispose of the remainder of their stock of furniture. In order to make sure of clearing the stock the prices of their well selected goods have been cut remarkably low. The goods on the other hand are not of the shop worn variety, but of excellent quality.

OGILVIE'S HARDWARE.

This firm, one of the new ones in the city, has developed a splendid side at their stand, corner of Yates and Broad streets. The store is stocked with a fine class of general hardware, including stoves and kitchen furniture. Recognizing the necessity for providing distinctly holiday goods for the trade of this season, the firm has on display a choice stock from which to make a selection. Fine cutlery, pens, and other table requisites play an important part among these goods. The display is a very striking one, arresting the attention of all who pass. The firm in consequence of their careful choice of stock has had a phenomenally heavy demand made upon them, giving eminent satisfaction in all cases.

ANGUS CAMPBELL & CO.

A continuous stream of customers, old and young, are passing to and from the different departments of A. Campbell & Co.'s store throughout each day. Over the whole scene is an atmosphere of Christmas, caused by the snow-white articles on sale. White is the prevailing color, and the articles are arranged in artistic arches, which lend to the store a most striking appearance. Cambrics, valenciennes, nun's veiling, mouseline de soie, chiffons are some of the goods employed in producing the "all white" effect. Children's muslin dresses and infants' dainty robes, in pure white and adorned with the finest of lace, are on show on every hand. The stock of white chiffon and ribbon is the largest in the West. Lingries, also of the snow color, is everywhere. For it the demand this season exceeds that of any previous year. Gloves of every size may be had, and hundreds of these have already been purchased by the givers of Christmas presents. Handkerchiefs enclosed in the prettiest of boxes are very much sought after. Lace blouses, collarettes and all those other perquisites of "the girl who dresses well," are carried by the firm.

WATSON'S SHOE STORE.

The seeker after fine qualities of footwear cannot do better than pay a visit to this store on Yates street. The display of staple grades is an excellent one, and in preparation for the holiday trade Mr. Watson has put on exhibition a very choice selection of what can be

classified as distinctly Christmas stock. The variety of slippers for children, ladies and men are most enticing, and Mr. Watson has had a very busy season.

AT THE THEATRES.

To-morrow's Attraction at the Victoria—Empress Stock Company Returns To-Night.

At the Victoria theatre to-morrow evening Claude Amson's bright musical comedy, "The Governor's Wife," will be produced by the author and his own company, which includes the well known soprano prima donna, Miss Hazel Davenport, who was associated with Mr. Amson in the Rosemary opera company. "The Governor's Wife" is a merry comedy possessing a good story and bedecked with tuneful numbers which have "caught on" everywhere it has been produced. A big, melodious chorus, supported by the clever leading vocalists, and Friday evening's engagement should prove a most attractive one.

"The Yankee Consul," which is booked for Monday, December 24th, was really due to arrive in this city last season. The management of the Victoria theatre had arranged for the engagement of this brilliant musical comedy, but John P. Stinson, the manager, was compelled to cancel all contracts by reason of the phenomenal success enjoyed in New York, Boston and Philadelphia. It was originally booked for four weeks in New York and ran there over six months at the Broadway theatre. In Boston, where its schedule called for a fortnight, the piece remained two months, and similar success was recorded in Philadelphia. The big company comes to the Victoria theatre practically intact with Vera Michelson as the prima donna and Harry Short in the leading comedy role.

Empress Theatre.
At the Empress theatre to-night the stock company will re-open after a week's absence with the great Irish play, "The Shaughraun," which is being produced at the special request of many patrons. Miss Knatford will be seen to advantage in the leading female role, and M. J. Hooley will also play a leading character. Miss Pinky Mulhally will have a great opportunity to display her native wit and eloquence in a truly Irish part. The success of these plays, having their location in the Emerald Isle, which have been produced by the company so far this season will, no doubt, be repeated and enhanced by the reception of "The Shaughraun."

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JAPS IN MANCHURIA.

Colonizing Country on Extensive Scale—Wheat Raising and Cotton Growing.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 18.—Dr. J. E. Jones, United States consul at Delaney, arrived yesterday and is quoted to-day as saying that the Japanese are carrying out an ambitious plan to close Asia as a market for American wheat and cotton. The Japanese, he says, are colonizing Manchuria on an extensive scale, with the idea of raising sufficient wheat there to supply Asia. In Korea they are carrying on elaborate experiments in cotton raising, which has been partly successful, but it will be some years, Dr. Jones thinks, before either Manchurian wheat or Korean cotton will menace the market for the American products.

WAYS OF RELIC COLLECTIONS.

Buying the Hair of Celebrated Men—Story Told of Wagner.

The tree at Handcross Hill, which figured so tragically in a recent motor omnibus accident has been condemned by the police. Although tarred and surrounded by a fence it continued to be cut up by relic hunters, who flocked thither in crowds in order to carry away a memento of the terrible accident in the form of a piece of wood. One party of cyclists went so far as to arrive armed with hatchets with which to chop souvenirs from the trunk.

Celebrities are a favorite prey for relic hunters, and their hair is especially sought after. When the late Mr. Gladstone was attending a place of worship in the south of France a fervid admirer sitting behind him noticed a gray hair on the collar of his coat. This he deftly secured, much to the envy of another collector, who at the conclusion of the service, offered him 20 francs for his treasure. The offer was rejected with disdain.

An amusing story is related of Wagner, who being subject to severe headaches, was recommended by his medical attendant to have his hair cut. He accordingly made an appointment for a fixed day with a barber, who, thinking to turn an honest penny, communicated the news to his customers, from many of whom he received orders for locks of the great composer's hair.

The day came, so did Wagner, who, to Figaro's dismay, did Wagner's wife, who, standing by her husband's side, watched the shearing of his hair, which, as it fell, she gathered up for removal. The barber was aghast, for he had sold the locks, and what was worse, had spent the money. He implored Frau Wagner to desist, but the lady was obstinate, relenting, however, so far as to remark that her butcher had been very like her husband's. The barber's customers were not disappointed.

Neither were the many fair admirers of the great pianist Liszt, who, to obtain some mementos of their ideal, were ever willing to disburse a lavish price. This infatuation was shrewdly taken advantage of by the Abbe's servant, whose other, chosen to possess hair of the same color and texture as the maestro's. Whenever, therefore, opportunity served the man would raise the hopes of some sighing lady by hinting at the possibility of his obtaining for her a lock of her idol's hair during sleep.

The danger of detection, coupled with the value of the promised souvenir, determined Liszt's servant, who was readily paid by the devoted admirer who in due course received a few hairs from the head of the valet's father, and thus enabled his son to make a very tidy income, as much as £100 be-



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On the Rim of The Antarctic.

South and southeast from the New Zealand coast, where the Pacific and the Atlantic meet and begin to merge into the great Antarctic Ocean, are numerous islands of supreme interest, not only on account of their lonely situation and their unique geological and floral characteristics, but also by reason of the strange and thrilling histories attached to more than one of the number. Commencing with the Chathams, due east from Christchurch, and all lying between two and three hundred miles off the mainland, are in order towards the south—Coral, Bounty, Antipodes, Snares, Auckland, and Campbell Islands. The area of the Chathams is about a quarter of a million acres, and though much of the interior is covered with primeval forest, sheep raising is carried on successfully by a small population of whites. To these islands, tradition states, the earlier inhabitants of New Zealand, the Morioris, were driven by the all-conquering Maori. For years this fine race has been rapidly dying out, and at the present time there is only one pure Moriori on the island. He is a young man, and recently married a half-caste Moriori. The Chatham natives resembled the Morioris physically, as well as in their habits and customs, but differed from them in the tint of their skin and in the color of their hair. The Morioris possessed lustrous, golden locks and a peculiarly rich, dark-red complexion. On Bounty Island the historic multitudes of the ship Bounty landed, and there lived for many years. Its geographical position—directly opposite Great Britain—supplies the most striking break in the waste of waters—the Antipodes. It is with the islands which lie due south of New Zealand that the writer on this occasion is chiefly concerned. Separated from the mainland by the narrow Foveaux Straits is the large and picturesque Stewart Island, named after a Scotsman of whom something will be said later in the present article. Less than a hundred miles south of Stewart Island is the first group of Snares; about one hundred and twenty miles distant are the Auckland; and a hundred miles nearer the ice is Campbell Island. With Campbell Island is associated the remarkable story of "Bonnie Prince Charlie's" grand-daughter, who, it is said, having been banished alike from France and from Scotland, lived on it for many years, and lies buried in one of its little glens, with Scottish heather planted above her grave. Such was the story the writer heard a few months ago, before starting out to visit those lonely islands on board the steamer Hinemoa, the property of the New Zealand government.

With the exception of the Chathams, none of the islands is inhabited; though described as British, they are no man's land. But as they are not far distant from the route of sailing vessels bound from Australian ports to England—by way of Cape Horn—owing to the mists and storms that have there a perpetual abiding-place, many ships have been wrecked and numerous valuable lives have been lost on their dismal and rock-bound coasts. In the exciting times which followed the discovery of the Australian goldfields, the General Grant, having on board some hundreds of returning diggers, each man with a consignment of virgin gold—struck on one of the Auckland group and went down with nearly all the passengers and with every box of the metal which was to make the owners independent and contented. More than a century ago, the more notable disasters, occurred the loss of the schooner Grafton, near the same place. The officers and crew were saved, but before relief came they had spent twenty months on the cold, inhospitable, mist-enshrouded land. Since those days the New Zealand government has erected provision depots on all the principal islands around its coasts, and once or twice a year a steamer is dispatched to examine and replenish the stores and to make search for castaways. And those trips have already proved to be veritable voyages of mercy.

The Snares group lies about one hundred and fifty miles south of the New Zealand town of Invercargill, and Invercargill, readers may be reminded, is not only the farthest south town with in the British Empire, but is also nearer than any other large community to the Antarctic circle and the South Pole. The islands of the Snares are all small; the largest is about a mile long by about half a mile wide. This particular island may correctly be described as a solid mass of rock rising sheer from the depths of the ocean. The first night the Hinemoa spent in its prox-

imity she lay under the shelter of a perpendicular cliff 400 feet high, and anchor was cast in sixty fathoms of water. Though their dimensions are insignificant, the Snares, to the scientist, are the most absorbingly attractive of all the islands and groups which encircle the southern shores of New Zealand. In that part of the world many difficult problems present themselves for solution to the geologist and the botanist. For a time it was supposed that those numerous islands, now far out to sea, once formed part of New Zealand, and to prove the soundness of this theory it was pointed out that the rocks and plants on the islands were precisely the same as the unexpected perplexities arose when the Snares came to be carefully examined by competent authorities. For it was discovered that the rocks and the plants of this little group differed altogether from the rocks and the plants on the other islands, as well as from those of the mainland.

It is not easy, even in comparatively calm weather, to effect a landing on the Snares. On the occasion of every visit paid by the government ship during three years no one from the vessel had been able to reach the shore, so impetuous was the sea. But this time the waves were less turbulent, and the efforts of a party from the Hinemoa were crowned with success. Through a narrow, cave-like opening in the wall of rock the small boat passed, to reach, in rear of the cliffs, a broad, deep, and placid lagoon. It was a new scene that met the writer's eyes. Thick masses of seaweed floated on the surface of the water, which played around the boat, penguins in thousands lined the rocks; a gigantic seal sunned himself on the shore. Behind were beetling crags; in front a narrow, easily reached, and a strip of spongy, grassy land. Most of the surface of the island is damp and peaty, and covered by the curious and rare flora built, the "walking tree" of the Snares. These trees grow from fifteen rocks and plants on the mainland. But to twenty feet high, and consist of a short trunk and many strong branches, each branch carrying a bunch of large and leathery leaves. The latter are dark green and glistering on their upper surface, while the under side is covered by a wool-like growth, soft as satin and white as snow. When stirred by the wind these little forests of the Snares present a bewildering combination of flickering greens and whites.

The Olearia is found in no part of the world save on the Snares. Why it has received the name of "walking tree" is not difficult to discover. In the soft, wet soil the roots are unable to maintain the thick trunk and the heavy branches erect, and these trees fall to the ground where the branches take root and send up new stems, which rapidly assume the proportions of trees. Under the luxuriant branches little vegetation is visible. Everywhere the sealions are flopping and slopping aimlessly.

From the Snares the Hinemoa proceeded to the Auckland group. The islands there are five in number, the largest about thirty miles long from north to south and about ten miles wide. Four out of the five have features much the same as those of the Snares, with small bays, their interiors successions of steep ridges clothed thickly with rata forest. Down the gorges the winds blow with tremendous force. The treetops are everywhere shorn to an abrupt evenness by the violence of the hurricanes. On the southwestern sides of the islands are grand and lofty cliffs, varying from a thousand to fifteen hundred feet above the sea. Enderby Island, the fifth, is, however, low and flat. On it are welcome stretches of level grass lands, patches of unfamiliar flowers, and several quiet, sheltered, and sandy bays. At this island the Erebus lay for some time, and it figures prominently in the botanical works of Sir Joseph Hooker. It was on one of the Auckland group that the Hinemoa demonstrated the wisdom and the humanity of the New Zealand government in planting food depots on those forlorn and dangerous islands and in having them frequently and regularly visited by one of its own vessels. On the voyage to which this article specially refers, twenty-two men were rescued ninety days after they had suffered shipwreck. A French ship, the Anjou, with a cargo of Australian wheat, and bound for Falmouth, in a fierce gale, amidst blinding sleet, without a moment's warning, struck against a perpendicular rock whose summit could not be seen. She went down almost immediately. The officers and crew had just time to escape in two boats. Twenty-four hours were spent battling at the base of the terrible cliffs before the men succeeded in reaching a place of safety. On the day following their arrival at the islands they fortunately discovered the food depot, and on its supplies, augmented by soup made of penguin flesh, they existed until liberated by the Hinemoa. All the castaways were in good health, but they had wearied much for their ship they knew would come some day. Their home was not without a charm of a certain kind. They slept within, and spent most of the time near, the depot, which stands beside an expanse of about three hundred acres covered with ferns and flowering plants. When the government steamer was there the brief summer season was almost over, but there was time to witness what may best be described as a subdued floral display. Bright colors are not common to the far south. The Auckland

lands are a resort of the albatross. At many places the shores were white with these stately and strikingly handsome birds.

Campbell Island was the outward limit of the Hinemoa's voyage. It is about thirty miles in circumference; its interior is broken and mountainous. The vegetation is confined to a hard, short grass and a rough, dark-wooded scrub. But science was neglected, and search made for signs that might confirm, or throw light on, the story that, many years ago, the granddaughter of Prince Charles Edward Stuart lived, died, and was buried on Campbell Island. Sir James Ross, in his account of the Antarctic expedition of 1840, alluded to the mysterious lady frequently seen by the whalers who in the early days went yearly to those regions from Australia and from New Zealand. The woman's mother, it is said, was Mrs. Walker, a shaw, whom the Prince met at Holyrood during his brief, meteoric stay in the Scottish capital. She followed Charles to France, and at her death left a daughter, whom the remnant of the Jacobites looked upon with profound suspicion. They, for some reason, believed that she acted as a spy on their movements on behalf of the British government. In order to be free from her presence, a plot was entered into for carrying the young woman out of the country. Carried, in his book, "New Zealand Lone Lands," states that the seaman Stewart, after whom Stewart Island is named, was the agent to remove the Prince's relative out of the way of the Jacobites. Stewart sailed in a whaler from Dun-
de, and on that occasion kidnapped the woman and conveyed her, in his vessel, to Stewart Island. From Stewart Island he removed her to Campbell Island, built her a rough sod hut, and there left her alone with the rocks, the sea, and the wild ocean birds. Whalers whose ships approached the island often declared they had seen on the rocks a female figure arrayed in royal Stuart fashion, wearing a Glengarry bonnet, and in it a apron of heather! The party from the Hinemoa soon discovered, over the first ridge of hills from the shore, and amid thick scrub, the remains of the humble dwelling. The sodden, mouldering walls are there to-day, and the blackened stones which had once formed a rough, open fireplace. From the top of a narrow footpath still leads to the sea, clearly outlined, for embedded on its surface, in a rude mosaic, are thousands of water-worn flint stones and of shining crystal pebbles. Assuredly this was the work of a woman's hands. Near the ruins the visitors came upon a space clear of scrub, in the centre a mound, the mound covered with a mass of Scottish heather. Was this the grave of the lonely dweller on Campbell Island—the grave of Bonnie Prince Charlie's grand-daughter? It was not right hand heather, a mass of purple blooms, wet with Antarctic rains, but fair as though growing on the braes of Ben Lomond.

Have birds an idea that their song is melodious, that let us conceive melody? Or does the singer follow merely a blind impulse when he utters his song? In other words, is the song of the bird no real song at all, but merely akin to the bark of a dog or the neigh of a horse? These questions are asked by F. A. Boccecco in an article contributed to the Neue Freie Presse, Vienna. He goes on to say: "Many persons will doubtless at once say that the good singer has both an idea of melody and music. But if this be true then the bird is a musical creature, a creature endowed with a musical sense; it must take pleasure in improving its song, and it must seek to avoid false notes. This last point has been the guiding thread in my investigation, and the investigation is one in which any person may engage." Boccecco finds that the canary does not react to real melody, while every screeching tone moves him to song. He says: "It frequently happened, in fact, that the sweet song of a girl was unnoticed, while the grating sound of a coffee-mill would cause the birds to sing with might and main. This experiment may be tried with any bird, and it will be found that the creature reacts to every harsh sound if the sound be maintained for a certain time. A humming tea-kettle, a creaking door, a piano, whether played by a master or merely struck indiscriminately, will move the birds to song, and in the middle of the night the song commences if an unpleasant sound be made. "Let us take the thrush, a master of the imitation of other birds. In the garden or wood, the hedge or bush, this bird thrills the air with its glorious song, and it takes a little from every singer around it. The question here, however, is whether the bird shows any preference for the song of a nightingale as compared to that of aammer, hedge, sparrow. In experiments made by a bird dealer it was shown that the thrush quickly learned the song of the canary, but would leave this song for that of a sparrow. And in the case of another thrush which was taught certain organ melodies, there was never the slightest evidence that the bird preferred higher-class music to a low class. Boccecco concludes that if birds had a musical sense they would also have a musical ear, but that, so far as his

experiments have gone, this musical ear does not exist. He admits, however, that the question is one which, up to the present, has not been clearly or conclusively answered. He says, in closing: "If we leave aside the question of whether or not a bird is musical in our sense, there is no doubt that many birds have a clearly defined talent for melody. We know that the canary, the thrush, the mockingbird, and others quickly learn a melody which is played on an organ, before them, but whether or not these birds prefer a pretty melody to an unmusical sound must remain unanswered."

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Thousands of years ago, for instance, the Egyptians used to embalm the bodies of their dead kings and nobility so perfectly that the bodies are in wonderful preservation to-day, as may be seen at the British Museum. Clever as we are in this age, we cannot do the same. The valuable secret has been lost, and modern science cannot recover the knowledge. We can, of course, and we do, embalm bodies; but only for temporary preservation, and, comparatively speaking, in a most unsatisfactory manner.

Sheffield turns out the finest, hardest, and most perfect steel the world produces; but even Sheffield cannot produce a sword-blade to compare with those the Saracens made and used hundreds of years ago, and the Saracens never possessed the machinery we have, nor had the advantage of knowing as much about metals as we are supposed to know. A huge fortune waits the man who discovers the secret which enabled the Saracens to make sword-blades so keen and hard that they could cut in two most of the swords used in our army to-day.

Probably not one out of every ten thousand buildings standing in all parts of the world and built by modern masons will still be standing five hundred years hence. We put stone and bricks together as the ancient did, and consequently the buildings we raise nowadays are really mere temporary structures, and will be in ruins when the ancient buildings of Greece and Italy, which were built thousands of years ago, are in the good condition as they are now. The secret is not in the bricks or the stone, but in the cement and mortar, neither of which can we make as the ancients made them.

Chemistry, one might imagine, is the science which has perhaps made the greatest strides during the last five or six decades. Yet modern chemists cannot compound such dyes as were commonly used when the great nations of to-day were still unborn. Now and again it happens that searchers after antiquities come across fragments of fabrics which were dyed thousands of years ago, and they are astonished by the wonderful richness of the colors of the cloths, which, despite their age, are brighter and purer than anything we can produce. Modern artists buy their colors ready made, and spend large sums of money on pigments with which to color their canvases. The pictures of modern artists will be color-

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A STORY OF GOLD.

The Rand Celebrates Its Twentieth Birthday—Who Was the Discoverer?

A correspondent of the London Daily Mail Overseas edition writes from Johannesburg as follows:

Twenty-two years ago a traveller over the bare uplands which stretch between the Potchefstroom, the old capital of the South African Republic, and Pretoria, the new, might have seen a strange sight.

Totting painfully over the rough, thin grasslands came a wagon bearing a burden the fame of which travelled from farm to farm from the vaal to the Zoutpansberg. The load was a 35ft. steel beam of six-horse power, with two thin rollers. In front trudged a slight man of small stature. Suddenly he halted his lumbering vehicle, and turned away and descended a kloof, as though looking for someone. Halfway down the little valley he came upon a white man watching a couple of natives digging the soil from between two granite rocks. The man who had been carrying the beam, chatted to the isolated white man. Presently he walked to the spruit with him and watched him wash some of the earth in a pan. Then he shook his head and turned and went back to his wagon. The man in the kloof returned to his diggings.

Twelve months later, after hardships and adventures, John Thorburn, ex-trapper in the Hudson's Bay territory, ex-soldier in the American civil war, ex-slave buyer on a Southern plantation, ex-diamond prospector and trader in South Africa, future adviser to Umkhonto, the Swazi King, launched his craft in salt water, near Delagoa bay. He had carried it 1,600 miles across Africa.

An Unbeliever.

Only a few days ago John Thorburn was telling me of his journey. But he is a poor man to-day. For on that pleasant morning, 22 years ago, he had no faith in beginnings of the greatest goldfield the world has ever known. On that day, he watched Harry Struben panning gold on the edge of the Witwatersrand. And he passed on his way doubting. He took his steamer over ground which now gives the world gold to the value of £24,000,000 a year.

Sitting here to-day, where the electric trams clang below on their way to the distant suburbs, where huge skyscrapers tower on sites which a few years ago held only tin shanties, where the roar of the ever-falling stamps is heard in every quiet moment by day or night, one can hardly believe it. That all this fine city can have been bare veldt two decades ago seems impossible.

But the hard fact remains. It was on September 20th, 1886, that the Witwatersrand was proclaimed a goldfield. It was in that year that the township was laid out. A year later optimists talked hopefully of the day when their confidence would be justified to the world by an output of £2,000,000 a year. The world in that day produced only £30,000,000 of gold a year. Nineteen years have passed, and the Rand to-day gives more gold a year than the whole earth in 1887.

Who Discovered the Rand?

There is invariably controversy regarding the real discoverer of a goldfield. A generally accepted statement is that a man named Arnold was the original pioneer of the Rand; but according to Mr. Bantjes it was the finding of a small alluvial nugget by the late Mr. Farie Minnear on the farm Prosmoedra, in 1881, that led to the first prospecting. But whatever claims are put forward, the real credit is due to the brothers Struben. It was their persistent faith which first revealed the true treasure of the Rand to the mining world. It was they who set up the first battery of five stamps at Wilge-

pruit in 1885; and it was men like Bantjes, the founder of the Main Reef, J. B. Robinson, the developer of Langlaagte, William Knight, who launched the first mine on a big scale; Percy Whitehead, Douthwaite, and others who followed their example on a sufficiently large scale to test the true value of the banket formation upon which at first there existed such a great difference of opinion that Rhodes' engineer reported against the Rand.

Twenty years ago! There were a few wagons and a couple of tents then. There is a municipality valued at £45,000,000 to-day. The Rand hung fire a little at the start. The so-called experts believed that the reef was not deep, and that the finds would soon peter out. But when the shafts began to get down and the formation was found to continue, the rush came. In lumbering ox-wagons, drawn by sixteen and eighteen bullocks, in Cape carts with smart teams of mules, in old buggies pulled by worn donkeys, on horseback and on foot, the cosmopolitan crowd poured in. Two or three men from the Cape railways came up in a hansom cab, and for years the historic vehicle piled for hire in Commissioner street.

Early Humor.

It was a curious, happy-go-lucky community in those days. Loafers and wasters there were, as in all mining camps. One hears stories of methods which, to say the least, seemed peculiar, such as that of firing a revolver loaded with gold dust into the Reef, the sequel being such a remarkable assay that the public rushed in for shares when the proposition was floated. Amusements were scarce, and one body of frolicsers was reduced to hiring the only merry-go-round and loading it up to three times its capacity with natives, whereupon a stalwart reveller worked the windlass so long and so fast that the entire collection of horses and cars were flung clean out of the machine, and it cost something in three figures to compensate the injured sufficiently to prevent police court proceedings.

CONDEMNED MAN TO MARRY.

Would Not Ask For Reprieve But Did Ask to Be Allowed to Wed.

Andre Negro, who is under sentence of death in a Paris prison, is, with the permission of the authorities shortly to become a bridegroom. While being tried for burglary, he attempted to kill the warden conducting him from the court to the prison van, and for this he was sentenced to death at the Seine assizes. He declined to petition the president for a reprieve, but shortly after his sentence applied to be allowed to marry the woman with whom he had been living. Eugene Boasac, She was suspected of having handed him the knife with which he tried to kill the warden. It is stated that Negro, while in prison, has received a number of letters couched in very warm terms from another woman, who says that she admires his boldness in trying to kill the warden. This and his courageous attitude in court had attracted her towards him, and she asked him to marry her.

A man who was cycling along the Semotours road (Haute-Marne, France), rode headforemost into a cask of wine. He broke the cask, but his head was unharmed.

Different qualities of strength and flavor in the tea are due to the varieties of the plant, to the soil and climate, to the age of the leaves, and to the mode of curing and drying them.

THE CITY MARKET

The holiday season has resulted in a great stiffening in prices of fruits on the local markets. With increased demands consequent upon the Christmas trade there has in many lines been a slight advance in the prices. This applies particularly to apples, which have gone up about 25 cents a box, wholesale.

The general supply of poultry from the East, which was intended for the Christmas dinners of Victorians, has been delayed on the way westward in common with other traffic. It is not expected to arrive, therefore, until Saturday. Dealers are not in a position to state what the prices will be until the arrival of the turkeys, etc.

The retail prices are as follows:

Cabbage, per lb.	4
Potatoes (Island), 100 lbs.	1.00
Potatoes, 12 lbs. for	25
Onions, 6 lbs. for	15
Turnips, per lb.	15
Cucumbers, per lb.	1.00
Watercress, per lb.	1.00
Tomatoes, per lb.	1.50
Meats:	
Hams (American), per lb.	22
Bacon (American), per lb.	20
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	20
Shoulders, per lb.	15
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	15
Beef, per lb.	10
Pork, per lb.	12
Mutton, per lb.	12
Lamb, for quarter	1.25
Veal, per lb.	12
Fish:	
Salmon, per lb.	15
Salmon (smoked), per lb.	15
Halibut, per lb.	15
Codfish (smoked), per lb.	10
Codfish, per lb.	10
Herrings, per lb.	6
Cooked, per lb.	12
Kippers, per lb.	12
Bas, per lb.	6
Prawns, per lb.	20
Lobster, per lb.	20
Haddies, per lb.	20
Fruit:	
Apples, each	1.25
Pears, per box	1.00
Essex Plants, each	1.00
Oranges, per doz.	25
New Jordan Almonds (shell), per lb.	15
Valencia Almonds (shell), per lb.	15
Sultana Raisins, per lb.	15
Pineapples, each	50
Parm. Products:	
Fresh Island Eggs, per doz.	50
Butter (Conno), per lb.	35
Butter (Della Creamery), per lb.	35
Best Dairy, per lb.	35
Butter (Covington Creamery), per lb.	40
Butter (Victoria Creamery), per lb.	40
Butter (Chilwell Creamery), per lb.	40
Cheese (Canadian), per lb.	30
Cheese (Cal.), per lb.	20
Hard, per lb.	20
Turkish Flour, per sack	1.50
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack	1.50
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl.	6.00
Lake of Woods, per sack	1.50
Lake of Woods, per bbl.	6.00
Okanagan, per sack	1.50
Okanagan, per bbl.	6.00
Calgary Hungarian, per bbl.	6.00
Moose Jaw, per sack	1.50
Moose Jaw, per bbl.	6.00
Excelsior, per sack	1.50
Excelsior, per bbl.	6.00
Ons Lake, per sack	1.50
Ons Lake, per bbl.	6.00
Hudson's Bay, per sack	1.50
Hudson's Bay, per bbl.	6.00
Enderby, per sack	1.50
Enderby, per bbl.	6.00
Peary Flour, per sack	1.50
Snowflake, per sack	1.50
Snowflake, per bbl.	6.00
O. K. Best Pastry, per sack	1.50
O. K. Best Pastry, per bbl.	6.00
O. K. Four Star, per sack	1.50
O. K. Four Star, per bbl.	6.00
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.50
Drifted Snow, per bbl.	6.00
Three Star, per sack	1.50
Three Star, per bbl.	6.00
Calgary, per sack	1.50
Calgary, per bbl.	6.00
Wheat, per ton	55.00
Oats, per ton	30.00
Barley, per ton	30.00
Rolls Oats (B. & K.), per ton	30.00
Feed:	
Hay (baled), per ton	12.00
Straw, per bale	65
Corn, per ton	30.00
Midlands, per ton	30.00
Bran, per ton	30.00
Ground Feed, per ton	30.00
Carrots, per lb.	30.00

Poultry:	
Dressed Fowl, per lb.	20
Spring Chicken, per lb.	25
Ducks, per lb.	25
Geese (Island), per lb.	20
Turkey (Island), per lb.	25
Coal Oil:	
Pratt's Coal Oil, per gal.	1.50
Kerosene, per gal.	1.50

WHOLESALE MARKETS.	
Potatoes, per ton	18.50
Onions (Island), per lb.	14.00
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	75
Bananas, per bunch	3.00
Lemons, per box	5.00
Oranges (Jap.), per box	65
Walnuts (Cal.), per lb.	15
Almonds (navy), per lb.	45
Figs (Cal.), per lb.	75
Dry Figs, per lb.	50
Walnuts (Island), per lb.	15
Garlic, per lb.	15
Apples, per box	1.50
Pearlman's, per box	1.75
Cranberries, per box	1.00
Pineapples, per doz.	4.00
Pears, per box	1.50
Grape Fruit, per box	1.50
Soft Peppers, per box	1.50
Comb Honey, per lb.	15
Cabbage, per lb.	15
Cucumbers, each	25
Butter (Creamery), per lb.	30
Chickens, per lb.	15
Ducks, per lb.	15
Hay, per ton	10.00
Oats, per ton	14.00
Peas (field), per ton	45.00
Barley, per ton	27.00
Corn, per ton	30.00
Beef, per lb.	15
Mutton, per lb.	12

ARMY REALISM.	
How Soldiers Would Be Billeted in War Time.	
An interesting and unique experiment, so far as this country is concerned, to put to the test of practical experiment the army regulations as to the billeting of troops in time of war has just been conducted by Major-General Grierson, C. V. O., the officer commanding the first division of the Aldershot army corps, says the London Mail.	

For the day a whole countryside, comprising the villages of Camberley, Yorktown, Blackwater, Hawley and Primley, was occupied by the first division, consisting at the moment of 4,000 men, 600 horses and the complement of the day.

This force had to be billeted on the assumption that they would remain for the night. The governing idea was that the first division was operating in a hostile country, with the enemy near at hand.

After the villages had been effectively occupied, quartermaster-sergeants inspected each house from the outside, and decided how many men, or men and horses, as the case might be, could be accommodated, and the number fixed upon took up their position in the roadway opposite the respective houses, the convenience of the occupiers being in no way interfered with.

Realism was carried even further. Rallying points in case of alarm were fixed in each village, sentries were posted in the streets, patrols were appointed, and spots indicated where non-existent stores, such as bread, meat and wood, could be obtained. A further realistic touch was added by the provision of compounds where suspected persons could be taken for examination.

For example, in Great Britain, in times of peace, only licensed victuallers are compelled by law to billet troops. A representative of the Daily Mail was officially informed that there was not the slightest intention on the part of the authorities in times of peace to carry the idea beyond this tentative experimental stage. For one thing, it would be absolutely illegal.

"He is a gentleman; I have never known him to do anything to carp at—being," said a witness at the Shoreditch (London) County court. "There are a good many such gentlemen about," replied the judge.

It has been computed that there are £2,000,000,000 in gold and jewels at the bottom of the sea, on the route between England and India.



Christmas Bargains

FRIDAY and SATURDAY.

Our policy in conducting these weekly sales has been: Give the people what they want, when they want it most, at a reduced price. This being our last sale before Xmas, we are going to offer you seasonable Xmas goods at reduced prices for Friday and Saturday.

Silk Initial Handkerchiefs

22 inches square, 1½ inch hemstitched borders; extra good quality. Friday and Saturday, 45c. each. Lawn Handkerchiefs, medium size; good quality: 75c. dozen. Lawn Handkerchiefs, large size; extra quality: \$1.25 dozen. Lawn Handkerchiefs, hemstitched borders; extra quality: \$1.25 dozen.

Neckwear

The most acceptable and most thought of gift you can give a gentleman. We are showing an immense assortment in every conceivable shape; beautiful silks in this season's latest patterns, and every item personally selected for Xmas trade. See them, you'll be surprised at their beauty and the price for Friday and Saturday is extremely low.

Your choice of over 100 patterns of our choicest Silk Knot Derbies, flowing ends, etc.; most of them 75c. and \$1 qualities. Friday and Saturday, 45c.

Gloves

Of this season's best makers, 10 per cent. discount—Friday and Saturday. Silk Lined Kid and Mocha, \$1.15, \$1.35. Wool Lined Kid and Mocha, 50c., 55c., 60c., \$1.15, \$1.35. All sizes.

Umbrellas

Like real estate, Umbrellas are going up all over town. They're going down at Cameron's—Friday and Saturday.

Your choice of our \$1.25 and \$1.50 Umbrellas, Friday and Saturday, \$1.00.

Your choice of our \$2.00 and \$2.25 Umbrellas, Friday and Saturday, \$1.50.

All other Umbrellas, values up to \$3.50, Friday and Saturday, \$2.00.

Braces

Always an acceptable gift for a gentleman. Handsome webs, calf leather ends and fancy buckles, 45c. (over 40 dozen to choose from).

Extra fine quality braces, with extra quality ends and fancy buckles; some in individual boxes; regular price up to \$1.00. Friday and Saturday, 65c.

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Stone settings, gold filled, 25c. to \$1.00. Cuff Links, good assortment, 25c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.50. Fancy Arm Bands 25c., 35c. and 50c. Fancy Silk Worked Box, 25c. Fancy Shirts, 25c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

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Within the following described limits: From yard to Moss street, along Moss from Port to Oscar streets inclusive; from yard to Fernwood road to Walnut street; from yard to Junction of Hillside avenue and Fourth street; from yard to Garbally road, not including Garbally road; from yard to Market street. Beyond these limits to city limits, 50c. per ton extra.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Midway and Vernon Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at the present session for an Act extending the time for commencement and completion of its railway.

Dated at Ottawa this 23rd day of November, A. D. 1906. M'GIVERN & HAYDON, Solicitors for the Applicants.

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by
LT. COL. ANDREW HAGGARD.

CHAPTER X. A Perilous Mission.

While his men were resting, rifle in hand, their commander promptly made up his mind that, owing to the evident discouragement of the enemy, now was his opportunity to make good his escape. When landing the goods from the nuggars, the forty Remington rifles and boxes of ammunition for the same, had not been brought ashore, but quietly dropped over the stern of the boats into the swift and muddy water of the river, and he thought that possibly he might want them himself, if so, he could fish them up again; but, at all events, if the enemy should rush his camp they would not get them.

He did not, therefore, have these on his mind when he determined to make a bold dash for freedom. The captured stores he determined to abandon, with exception of a bag of ammunition, dates for each man, to fill which was but the work of a minute or two. Two or three bullet holes were put through the stern of the two nuggars, so that they should fill with water.

The boats were then pushed adrift; and a minute or so later, with his men mounted on their camels, the whole party issued out from a doorway which had been left in the face of his camp on the side farthest from the river.

Lord Rothiemay having mounted one of his horses, there was a camel left for the old boatman, Mustapha Ali; the other horse was led from his camel by Mohamed Omar, the orderly.

After escaping from his fort, the Viscount's plan was to endeavor to reach Amara, some eighty-four miles distant by the river, before the Derivishes, who had taken the desert route, could do so. He did not know how much less he calculated that his chances were better against only a hundred men than against the two hundred or so unwounded followers of the Mahdi now before him; especially as they would be sure to raise the whole male population of Abasat against him.

That the enemy, however, and so many men, had not gone to sleep, Reginald learned even as he left his fortified position; it was, moreover, evident that there was someone left with the Derivishes with brains in his head.

A long and continual stream of men was seen to be running along the crests of the low granite hills which ran parallel with the river, and, at the same time, three nuggars full of armed men appeared floating down the centre of the rapid stream, being urged all the more rapidly by the aid of large sweeps or oars. It was evident that the enemy had determined to try to cut off his line of retreat, by both river and land.

The footmen on the hills were too far distant and too scattered, to afford a decent mark. The nuggars were, however, crowded, and in the foremost one was plainly visible the commanding presence of a tall man who wore a green silk turban. The boats were not more than four hundred yards distant, and with his field glasses Lord Rothiemay could see that this man's face was apparently white.

"It is the Hadji Mirza Ali Khan; he has the green turban because he is one of the Prophet's descendants, and also has made the hadji (pilgrimage to Mecca). He has no doubt taken command of the Derivishes now Ahmed el Deeb has been killed," so spoke Mustapha Ali.

Without dismounting his men, Rothiemay halted his party under the scattered pine trees. They were all trained to fire from camel back, and the swift dromedaries likewise trained to stand. He fired three volleys, one at each boat, and although some of the bullets could be seen striking short ricochetting over the nuggars, each volley told its tale. Several men fell in each boat, and in the leading one, two of the oars were smashed. Although the enemy fired back, they did so wildly, being in confusion, the boats also being out of control. That containing the green turbaned leader went instantly upon a rock, and filled, and as Rothiemay now gave the order to trot, he saw that its occupants were all in the water, being carried off by the current, while the occupants of the other boats were rowing wildly to try to save their comrades. Having evidently spoiled the game of the flotilla,

probable that the Derivishes were already encamped, under their Emir, Suleiman el Kebir. This was a doughty warrior who had been present under Abd el Majid for a long time before, and also during the battle of Ghinness. He would therefore know the neighborhood round Koshah well, which fact would aid him in carrying out any hostile plans he might have formed.

After dismounting his tired men and giving Ismail Effendi the strictest orders, as to caution during his absence, Lord Rothiemay took Fehmy and Corporal Daud with him and started to reconnoitre. As the plain between the village and the hills was broad at this point, he kept well out into it, towards the mountains, in whose shadow he kept, as there was a moon, now high, but setting.

He had not made more than half the circuit of the little village, when a party of some twelve camel men came riding up from the direction of Amara. Crouching flat to observe them, the party of three could easily see that they wore the Mahdi's uniform. They rode on into the village, where they dismounted at the house of the Sheikh, hobbling their camels in the usual way. Some entered the mud-hut; others remained without. Instantly all the village was aroused; men and women could be seen moving from house to house. It was easy to understand that this was a foraging party which had probably come to demand dates, milk, or a sheep or two from the villagers. After watching for an hour, Rothiemay saw them depart again, carrying bulky loads, but no sheep. He now knew that the hundred Derivishes had reached Amara, and that, unless he could warn him, De Clintone would probably be killed in a few hours.

Could he have left his men and gone himself, he felt confident that he could have ridden past the Derivish camp in safety to Mograkkeh, although the road was at its narrowest near the Amara cataract. On his way, he would have alarmed the one British regiment still encamped near the ruined village of Ghinness. But how could he do so, leave his men? He will try and find a way.

"Fehmy, are you willing to leave me, and risk your own life to-night to save the Bey's?"

"Certainly, sir," replied Ibrahim Effendi.

Rothiemay then asked the same question of the corporal.

"Alwa, Effendi," replied Mohamed Daud, "if you will only try and save my father from the Derivishes, I will follow you."

Daud, if I escape he will, you may be sure. Now, listen! Fehmy Effendi and you must take two horses; one is fresher than the other, and as the Mulazin is the heavier weight, he will take that one; you, Onbasha, must ride the one I rode to-day. You must start at once when the moon goes down, and send you both in case one should not get through safely. Walk the horses quietly down after those Derivishes and until you get to Amara; then, if you cannot get by unobserved, gallop past them and do not stop until you reach the fort. It will then not be far from daylight. Tell me a boat or two at Abri and cross the western bank of the river, above the cataract. If there are no boats, we will entrench ourselves as at Abasat, and defend ourselves if attacked by the Derivishes on falling back. For the Bey alone, or he and the British regiment, will surely defeat them.

No. 1.—Beginning at a point 20 chains north of the northeast corner of No. 2, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of beginning.

No. 2.—Beginning at the northeast corner of No. 1, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of beginning.

No. 3.—Beginning at the southwest corner of No. 2, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of beginning.

No. 4.—Beginning at the northwest corner of No. 3, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of beginning.

No. 5.—Beginning at the southeast corner of No. 4, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of beginning.

No. 6.—Beginning at the southwest corner of No. 5, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of beginning.

No. 7.—Beginning at the northeast corner of No. 6, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of beginning.

Notice is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Renfrew District:

No. 1.—Commencing at a post marked J. W. McClure, and planted on the Esquimaux & Nanaimo Railway Land Grant line, about 50 yards southeasterly of the 25th post, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to place of beginning.

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No. 8.—Beginning at the northwest corner of No. 7, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to place of beginning.

No. 9.—Beginning at the southeast corner of No. 8, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to place of beginning.

No. 10.—Beginning at the southwest corner of No. 9, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to place of beginning.

No. 11.—Beginning at the northeast corner of No. 10, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to place of beginning.

No. 12.—Beginning at the northwest corner of No. 11, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to place of beginning.

No. 13.—Beginning at the southeast corner of No. 12, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to place of beginning.

No. 14.—Beginning at the southwest corner of No. 13, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to place of beginning.

No. 15.—Beginning at the northeast corner of No. 14, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to place of beginning.

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A. O. F. COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 28, meets at K. of P. Hall 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. J. C. Fullerton, Secy.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1, A. O. U. W., meets every second Monday in A. O. U. W. Hall, corner Douglas and Pandora streets. Members of Order visiting the city cordially invited to attend. R. Noble, M. W.

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Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 3 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, or 160 acres, more or less. Application for homestead entry or inspection must be made in person by the applicant at the office of the local Agent or Sub-Agent.

An application for entry or inspection must be made personally at any Sub-Agent's office, or by mail, at the expense of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the application, the application is to be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by mail.

In case of "persecution" the entry will be summarily cancelled, and the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim.

An applicant for inspection must be eligible for homestead entry. The application for inspection will be received from an individual until that application has been disposed of.

A homesteaded waste entry is in good standing and not liable to cancellation, may, subject to approval by the local Agent, be transferred to another person, or to the son, daughter, brother or sister, if eligible, but to no one else, on filing a declaration of abandonment.

Where an entry is summarily cancelled, or voluntarily abandoned, the applicant for inspection must state in what particulars the homesteader is in default, and if such statement is found to be incorrect in material particulars, the applicant will lose any priority of right to the land, and the land will become vacant, or if entry has been granted it may be summarily cancelled.

The papers governing the homestead and form the conditions under one of the following plans:

At least six months residence upon cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

If the settler is a minor, if the father is deceased or a homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered by such homesteader, the requirement as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of the Lands and Survey, or to the local Agent, of his intention to do so.

If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirement may be satisfied by residence upon such land.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL—Coal lands may be purchased at 25¢ per acre for soft coal and 50¢ for anthracite. Not more than 50 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on gross output.

QUARTZ—A free miner's certificate is granted upon payment of an advance of \$5 per annum for an individual, and from \$20 to \$100 per annum for a company according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or then the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a plan made and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1 per acre.

The patent granted on payment of a royalty of 2½ per cent on the sales.

Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee for renewable year.

A free miner may obtain two leases to dredge for gold or other minerals for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall be directed in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each year. Rental \$10 per annum for each lease, and 2½ per cent royalty at the rate of 2½ per cent collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

—W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

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Manufacturer of and Dealer in LADIES' SILK AND COTTON UNDERWEAR, DRESSES, WRAPPERS, ETC.

Has removed from 18 Douglas Street to 122 Government street, near Fisgard and Herald, Victoria. B. C. P. O. Box 11.

New Hair

Ayer's Hair Vigor makes the hair grow because it is a hair food. Feed the hair-bulbs, and the hair grows. That's nature's way, and that is all there is to it. Strong and healthy hair stays in, keeps soft and smooth, and grows thick and heavy. Then aid nature with Ayer's Hair Vigor. A little of it often does great things. There's genuine comfort in a handsome head of hair. —J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Victoria Printing & Publishing Co.

Cor. Yates and Government Sts.

SMALL IN SIZE GREAT IN RESULTS

WANTED-MALE HELP.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—A working man for freight steamer. Knowledge of these waters necessary. Send experience and recommendations and wages required to P. O. Box 62, Victoria.

WANTED—Clerk for wholesale groceries and liquors. Acquainted with customs work. Apply Box 17, Times Office.

WANTED—Two strong boys as apprentices in boiler shop. Apply Victoria Machinery Depot.

WANTED—Smart boy to drive and make himself generally useful in store. Address Box 14, Times Office.

HELP WANTED—The above headline over classified "want" ads, in the Times attracts the attention of the best help in every line.

ANY INTELLIGENT PERSON may earn a good income at home in spare time corresponding for newspapers; no canvassing; experience unnecessary. Send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

WANTED—Salesmen. Many make \$100 to \$200 per month; some even more. Stock cleared, grown on reservation, far from old orchards. Cash advanced weekly. Choice of territory. Address Washington Nursery Company, Toppenish, Washington.

ENERGETIC MEN WANTED—We require a good live man in every locality throughout Canada to advertise our goods; taking up showrooms on trees, fences, along roads and all convenient places, also distributing small advertising matter. Commission or salary, \$3.33 per month and expenses. Steady employment. No experience required. Write for particulars. W. R. Warner Medicine Co., London, Ontario.

WHEN ANSWERING advertisements under this heading please say that you saw this announcement in the Times.

WANTED-FEMALE HELP. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Chambermaid. Immediately, at the King Edward Hotel.

ANY INTELLIGENT PERSON may earn a good income at home in spare time corresponding for newspapers; no canvassing; experience unnecessary. Send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

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SITUATIONS WANTED-MALE. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

YOUNG MAN wishes position as ramp cook; experienced. Apply Strand Hotel, Room 11.

WANTED—Position in store or warehouse by a first-class salesman, best of references. Box 93, Times.

POSITION as caretaker or janitor; will take care of old married couple. Box 18, Times Office.

CONTRACTORS—We can furnish you with laborers, or any kind of men, short notice. Poles, Slaves, Huns, Italians, Lithuanians, etc. Boston Shipping Co., 18 Norfolk street, New York City.

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SITUATIONS WANTED-FEMALE. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Position as companion; willing to look after young children. B. J. O'Dell's Advertising Bureau, 75 Government street.

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HELP WANTED-MALE OR FEMALE. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Man or woman manager in each district to represent established wholesale mail order house, to look after local advertising and appointing representatives, and looking after their work generally. \$25 a week and expenses. No cash in advance. Apply to J. C. Jones, Colquitz P. O.

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WANTED-MISCELLANEOUS. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Old copper, brass, zinc, lead and any waste metal. To be dealt only in junk; we are the highest paid buyers in the market. Call or write for particulars. Victoria Junk Agency, 30 and 32 Store street.

WANTED—\$500 for one year at 5 per cent; security, 500 acres of land, good dwelling house, stables, etc. "Farmer," Times Office.

WANTED—Unfurnished housekeeping rooms, modern conveniences, terms moderate. Address Box 6, Times Office.

WANTED—10 room house, with 5 acres, facing sea, near tram; must have adequate safe anchorage for yacht. Apply Navigator, P. O. Box 24, Victoria.

WANTED—Old coats and vests, pants, boots and shoes, trunks, valises, shotguns, revolvers, overcoats, etc. Highest cash prices paid. Will call at any address. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 40 Johnson street, two doors below Government street.

SUNLIGHT SOAP COUPONS WANTED—Toilet soaps given in exchange for these coupons by C. R. King & Son, 75 Wharf street.

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A. B. McNEILL

24 BROAD ST. PHONE 65.

FOR QUICK SALE-SNAPS.

2 LOTS—Corner Oak Bay Ave. and Richmond Ave., one of the best corners in Oak Bay. For a short time, \$2,500.

LOT—Belmont avenue, fruit trees bearing, worth \$500 easy, \$500.

LOT—Gladstone avenue, southern aspect, \$275.

WATER FRONT LOT—James Bay, small wharf, etc., \$4,500.

ACREAGE—Wilkinson road, Gordon Head and Sanich, up to \$600 an acre. Sell one acre up to \$100 an acre.

BUSINESS LOTS—Douglas and Yates. Inquire at office.

BUILDING LOTS—Cor. Cadboro Bay and Oak, \$750; near Beacon Hill and sea, lots from \$750 to \$800; in Pearce Estate, \$1,000.

BEAUTIFUL HOUSE—Gladstone avenue, modern improvements, grand view, splendid margin, \$3,500; \$500 cash and balance on terms, immediate tenant.

OTHER GOOD BUYS—Inquire at office.

HOUSES AND LOTS FOR SALE. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

FOR SALE—On LEASE—Furnished house, 7 rooms, near M. Baker, \$1,000; \$100 cash, balance on terms, \$100 per month.

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THE B.C. INFORMATION AGENCY, LTD.

75 DOUGLAS STREET. PHONE 314.

HAVE FOR SALE:

SPLENDID ACREAGE—Immediately adjoining the city limits.

TWO FINE BUILDING LOTS—On St. Charles street.

BUSINESS PROPERTY—On Yates. Government, Douglas, Johnson, Store, Wharf, Port and Broad streets.

FRUIT LANDS—In blocks varying from one to twenty acres.

WATER FRONTAGE—On Prospect Lake, including ownership of water.

WATER FRONTAGE—On Cordova Bay, splendid view.

NUMBER OF FARMS—On Vancouver Island, adjacent islands and Mainland.

RESIDENCES—In all parts of the city, from \$1,300 to \$2,000.

300 ACRES—For sub-division, inside city limits.

3 ROOM HOUSE, nice lawn and ornamental trees, splendid view, near Beacon Hill Park, cheap.

THIS IS ONLY A FEW from our numerous list. Call and consult us, we can suit you or find what you want if it is not on our list.

MONEY TO LOAN—On improved property.

REMEMBER THE PLACE—3 DOUGLAS STREET.

LEEMING & CO. 22 FORT STREET.

150 ACRES OF LAND—3 miles from Post Office, between 32 and 33 acres cleared, two orchards, 2 houses, barns, etc., all fenced, beautiful location, with half mile of water front, price \$200 per acre, terms.

1 LOT—On View street, \$3,500, with two good houses, close in.

10 ACRES—5 cleared, all fine land, close in, \$35 per acre.

30 FEET—On Government street, between Figuard street and Herald street, \$2,500.

15 LOTS—Sayward avenue, with 5 houses, renting for \$25 a month, price \$3,500.

YATES STREET—Lot, 6x120, with fine brick house and stable, \$7,500.

DWELLING HOUSE, 3 rooms and kitchen, bath, hot and cold water, corner lot, Fernwood road, \$1,200.

5 ACRES—at Gordon Head, fine corner property, good land, \$400 per acre.

10 ACRES, South Saanich, 30 cleared, all fenced, with house and barn, excellent timber, \$1,000.

CITY ACREAGE PROPERTY, close to car line.

17 ACRES, 7 cleared, balance slashed and seeded, first-class land, 4 1/2 miles from town, \$3,500.

15 ACRES, 6 cleared, with 1 1/2 story house, brick foundation, good cellar, barn, chicken houses, 15 fruit trees, 4 miles from town, \$4,500.

100 ACRES, 9 miles from Alberni, 3 miles from Grand Central, 10 acres cleared, house, large barn, 10 acres of head stock, implements, etc., \$5,000; half cash, balance mortgage 4 per cent.

5 ACRES, fruit, on Feltham road, all the drained, house, barn, sheds, \$3,500.

LOT, Spring Ridge, Clark street, \$200.

IF YOU HAVE PROPERTY FOR SALE, we can sell it for you. Let us have particulars.

E. A. HARRIS & CO. 35 FORT STREET.

NORTH SAANICH.

PARSONS, LOVE & CO.

REAL ESTATE. 74 DOUGLAS STREET.

50 ACRES—Cordova Bay, 300 ft. water front, 7 roomed house, barn, stable, sheds, 3 good wells, 2 1/2 acres in orchard, 3 acres cleared, balance good wood, with cedar, \$200 per acre, terms.

19 ACRES—Cordova Bay, 250 ft. water front, \$200 per acre.

20 ACRES—With road to water front, Cordova Bay, 5 acres cultivated, 5 acres slashed, \$5,150; terms.

14 ACRES—6 roomed house, good barn, 20 stalls, windmill, stream of water, three miles from Post Office, \$7,000; terms.

LOT 10x150—Florence road, half in fruit, apple, pear and cherry trees, close to E. & N. track, \$500.

2 LOTS—On Queen's avenue, 70x130, \$850 each.

1 LOT—Corner Blanchard and Bay streets, 71x141, \$975.

LOTS—Near Hillside avenue, fine location, \$200 and \$300.

ACREAGE—In city, 20 minutes' walk from Post Office, splendid soil; will consider an offer.

OAK BAY AVENUE—1 roomed house, almost new, modern conveniences, lot 60x120, alley at back, fine view of bay, \$3,500.

3 HOUSES—On TWO LOTS—Sewer connection, in good repair, good neighborhood, rented, \$2,000.

TWO STORY HOUSE—Rock Bay, \$1,500; easy terms.

TWO STORY HOUSE—Superior street, lot 44x150, basement, modern conveniences, \$2,500.

TWO STORY HOUSE—On Toulmie avenue, barn, chicken house and other out-buildings, acre and quarter of land, good well, 20 or more fruit trees, corner property, good view and natural drainage, \$3,150.

NEAR BURNSIDE ROAD—5 acres, in fruit, good house, wells, etc., \$3,000.

4-6-10 ACRES—8 minutes from car, under drained, well fenced and all clear, \$500 per acre, terms.

LEE & FRASER.

A SNAP—1 1/2 acres, half cleared, barn, dwelling, fenced; price for a few days \$1,100.

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LOTS on Linden avenue and Caladonia Park.

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REAL ESTATE AGENTS, 11 TROUNCE AVE., VICTORIA, B. C.

SEE OUR LISTS IN SATURDAY'S TIMES. THERE WILL BE A FEW SNAPS IN THEM.

DOMINION REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE, 22 TROUNCE AVENUE.

PEMBERTON & SON 6 FORT STREET.

CAREY ROAD—31 acres of first-class land, with two houses and all improvements, tools, etc., for farming, \$20,000.

FERNSWOOD ESTATE—House and 3 lots, good terms, lawn, \$2,500.

STRAWBERRY VALE—10 acres, 3 1/2 acres ploughed, all fenced, near school, \$2,500.

MICHIGAN STREET—Good building lot, \$600.

YATES STREET—Two lots, each 60x120, between Quadra and Vancouver streets, for sale at a very reasonable figure.

KELVIN ROAD—3 acres and 3 roomed house, stable, 50 fruit trees, 500 strawberry plants, \$4,400.

HEAD STREET—7 roomed house, all modern conveniences, 2 lots, fruit trees, stable, chicken house, \$4,500.

YATES STREET—Cor. Langley, brick building, for sale reasonably.

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BEAUMONT BOGGS

REAL ESTATE AGENT, 6 FORT STREET. Phone 31.

Established 1890. OAK BAY—Six acres, cut in half acre lots, price \$1,000 per acre.

COTTAGE—On double corner lot, 7 rooms, sewer, price only \$2,000.

FOUL BAY—Water frontages.

LAKE FRONTAGES—10-acre blocks, only 5 miles from town, price \$1,000.

DWELLING—7 rooms, over 15 acres land, orchard, garden and pasture, stream of running water, stable and chicken houses, owner will rent for 3 years at 10 per year, price \$1,700.

1 1/2 ACRES—Within 4 miles of Victoria, 6 1/2 cultivated, the balance slashed, all fenced, price \$200 per acre.

TO LET—New cottage and stable, on 5 acres land, close to Esquimalt harbor, rent \$15 per month.

GORDON HEAD—Water front, 28 acres choice land, of which 4 acres are in fruit, small buildings, an ideal situation for a home.

COTTAGE—On Belmont avenue, 3 lots, price \$1,500.

COTTAGE, 7 rooms, 2 acres in fruit (25 trees bearing), 2 miles from city, horse and trap cow, poultry, furniture and piano, price \$2,500.

SCOTT ESTATE—Gordon Head. Several very choice blocks of fruit land, cleared, the drained, and in crop, cut in blocks of 1/2 acre, early buyers secure low prices, terms \$2,500.

ESQUIMALT—Lots, close to Esquimalt Station, on easy terms, price \$25 each.

SAANICH—Water front, close to station, 45 acres, part cultivated and 1 pasture, good stream, dwelling, barn and orchard, cows, horses, implements and poultry, price \$3,000.

SAANICH—Farm of 20 acres, 6 cultivated, and all choice land, dwelling, barn, etc., one of the best.

TO LET—Dwelling, close to Beacon Hill, \$15, rent only \$12.

FARMS—"Home Lias" contains over 50 farms on Vancouver Island, and is sent free on application.

FRUIT LAND—25 acres, 1 1/2 miles from Duncan, quarter of a mile from Cowichan river, 10 acres cultivated, 15 acres cleared, 200 fruit trees, large trellis, strawberries and other small fruits, 1 story seven roomed cottage, large barn and sheds, two good cows, 1 horse, some of the best fruit land in Cowichan district. Price \$3,000.

FARM TO LEASE—With option of purchase. Stock must be paid for.

GLENORA—4 miles from Duncan, improved farm, 115 acres, 20 cultivated, 10 pasture, buildings, stock, cows, 2 horses, wagons, implements, etc. Quick sale price, \$4,000.

CORDOVA BAY—Beautiful home, with fine beach frontage, 60 acres land;

More and More

JAP ORANGES, per box..... 75c.
FANCY NAVEL ORANGES, per dozen..... 30c.
LARGE NAVEL ORANGES, per dozen..... 50c.
ASSORTED, CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS, per box..... 1.50
FINE TABLE FIGS, 2-lb. boxes, each..... 25c.
TABLE RAISINS, clusters, 2-lb. box, each..... 50c.
TABLE RAISINS, clusters, 5-lb. box, each..... \$1.00
FANCY MALAGA CLUSTER RAISINS per lb..... 50c. and 60c.
CAPE COD CRANBERRIES, per lb..... 20c.

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WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS, 111 GOVERNMENT STREET.
FRESH AND DRIED FRUIT IMPORTERS.

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OLDEST ESTABLISHED AUCTION
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At Salerooms, 7 and 29 Douglas Street,
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AT 2 P. M.

ANTIQUE MAHOGANY AND WALNUT Furniture, Etc.

Including: Mahogany Sofas, Mahogany
Card Table, Mahogany Centre Table, Ma-
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Walnut Rocker, Walnut Arm Chair, Wal-
nut Chairs, Walnut Centre Table, Fire
Dogs.
Fine Electrically Driven Edison's
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Grand Piano, Washstand, Bureau
and Washstands, Brass and Iron Bed-
steads, Wire and Top Mattresses, Fin-
toilet Set, Quartered Oak Dining Table,
6 Dining Chairs, Carpets, Glass and
China Ware, Kitchen Utensils, Cook
Stoves and Heaters.

GROCERIES

Cornd. Beef, Roast Beef, Prunes,
Baking Apples, 10 Cases Lard Com-
pound, 10 Cases of Flour, etc.

Trevor Keene, Auctioneer.

Messrs. Williams & Janion

AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION
AGENTS.
51 FORT STREET.

Hold

Weekly Sales

Of Furniture, Sales held by special ar-
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Cattle and Land Sales conducted.
The Auctioneer Stewart William

Messrs. L. Eaton & Co

10-MORROW at 2 p.m.
100 POTS OF PALMS, FERNS,
FLOWERS, CHRYSANTHE-
MUMS, ETC.

The Palms, which are being sold for
the benefit of St. John's Church, are the
largest and finest in Victoria.
FRIDAY EVENING, SATURDAY AF-
TERNOON AND EVENING.
Large sale of Xmas Goods.

THE AUCTIONEERS, L. EATON & CO.

People's Auction Rooms

48 YATES ST., BELOW GOVERNMENT.

Christmas Benefit

For One Week

We have just received "Coster Made
Suits, worth \$17.50, while they last for
\$7.00, and a \$3.00 hat with every suit, of
clothes free of charge.

Couches

UPHOLSTERED IN VELOUR

\$5.75

The Capital Furniture Co.

Successors to G. A. D. FLITTON

The General House Furnisher

51 & 53 Douglas St., Cor. Fort, Balmoral Block.

You Will Need

A Box of Jap Oranges
A Box of Nice Apples

See use before you decide who you will buy them from.
FANCY JAP ORANGES, per box..... 75c.
APPLES, per box..... \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75

TRY US

THE WEST END GROCERY COMPANY

PHONE 88

45 GOVERNMENT STREET

P. O. BOX 566

WENGER'S REMOVAL.

GREAT JEWELRY SALE

15 Per Cent to 30 Per Cent Discount

Will move to 17 Government Street, directly opposite our present
premises. Now is your chance to buy FIRST CLASS articles at
WHOLESALE PRICES. WATCHES, DIAMONDS, SILVER-
WARE, CLOCKS, ETC. Come early and get your choice.

J. WENGER, Jeweler

30 GOVERNMENT STREET.

VICTORIA, B. C.

EX. S. S. "TELEMACHUS"

"Hubbuck's" Genuine White Lead "Hubbuck's" Genuine Pale Boiled Linseed Oil Peter McQuade & Son

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
78 WHARF STREET.

You Take No Chance

When selecting Gifts for Men
at Finch's Store, because what
Finch has is right.

Every Woman knows that,
and is proud of the fact that
her gift bears our trade mark.
We are showing the most beau-
tiful line of Fancy Wool Vests
to be found on the Coast.

\$3.50 to \$7.00.

FINCH & FINCH

51 GOVERNMENT STREET.

LOCAL NEWS.

Parson, Love & Co. put through
yesterday the sale of six city lots to
different parties in the north part of
town, and report business good not-
withstanding the rainy weather.

At Messrs. L. Eaton & Co's sale
on Friday next there will be some
choice palms and ferns, which have
been donated to St. John's church by
a member of the congregation. The
proceeds of the sale will go to the
Chancel Guild fund.

The committee of the W. C. T. U.
Refuge Home cordially thanks the
following for donations during the month:
Mrs. Lester, Mrs. F. Grant, Mrs.
Broadwell (Salt Spring Island), Mrs.
Wm. Grant, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs.
Spencer and Mrs. Perrin, cash \$10.

At the local barracks of the Salva-
tion Army, Brigadier Smielton, com-
manding officer of British Columbia,
will conduct a meeting to-night. The
general public are invited to be pres-
ent. A beautiful Christmas number of
the War Cry has just been issued, and
commands a large sale.

At a meeting of the local division,
No. 109, of the Amalgamated Associa-
tion of Street and Electric Railway
Employees of America, it was agreed
to donate \$10 towards the fund for
erecting a tuberculosis sanatorium. It
was further decided to hold the annual
entertainment and dance towards the
end of January.

Fleming Bros. the Government
street photographer, have in recent
years made a specialty of artistically
mounted local views, as calendars.
There has been an increased demand
for these little art gems, and this year
the collection is handsomer and more
comprehensive than ever. Some ex-
quisite "bits" caught by the camera in
the environs of Victoria are employed
to excellent effect.

For the Christmas holidays the C.
P. railway have named a special round
trip rate of three dollars between this
city and Vancouver, the tickets being
good for going journey December 23rd,
24th and 25th, with a final return limit
January 2nd. The steamer "Charm" will
operate on her usual schedule, sail-
ing from here at 100 a. m. each day,
and returning from Vancouver at 1.00
p. m.

In the stage production of "Quincy
Adams Sawyer," the essential features
of Charles Pelton Pidgeon's famous New
England novel of the same name, have
been followed, and they are said to
have been handled to extremely clever
advantage. The production to be seen
at the Victoria theatre on Christmas
night is the same in every detail of
scene production and cast as seen during
the New York run recently at the
Lyceum theatre. There is a laugh
almost everywhere, despite the tender
seriousness pertaining to Alice Petten-
gill's pathetic feature as the much
loved blind girl, and to her value as the
central figure of the love story. Its
features and typical characters are
said to be exceptionally well presented.

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A. J. Brace, secretary of the local
Y. M. C. A., will leave to-night for
New Westminster, where he will con-
duct a Christmas entertainment. The
Royal City was Mr. Brace's last
charge. He will return to Victoria on
Saturday.

The Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway
have named excursion rates between all
stations for the Christmas and New
Year holidays, and will also provide a
double train service on Monday, 24th
inst., the after trains operating on the
same schedule as the Wednesday,
Saturday and Sunday trains. In ac-
cordance with the custom of past years
there will be no trains operated on
Christmas Day.

FIRE ALARM COMPANY.

Annual General Meeting—Finance in
Satisfactory Condition—Election of
Directors.

The first annual general meeting of the
shareholders of the Canadian Taper
Automatic Fire Alarm and Call Bell Co.,
which was held on Tuesday evening in the
Pioneer hall, Broad street, Frank Hig-
gins, occupied the chair, and J. S. Mur-
ray acted as secretary.

The report of the provisional board of
directors embodying the financial state-
ment showed the company's finances to
be in a very favorable condition.
The board of directors of the company
for the ensuing year were: Messrs. E. E. Welch,
K. Robb, C. C. Johns, Wm. Rennie
and Dr. Lewis Hall.

Considerable discussion arose on the
question of what price shares should be
sold at in the future. It was finally de-
cided that on and after the 15th day of
January, 1907, the shares which have been
sold at par (\$5) should be sold at \$10 per
share.

There was a disposition to raise the
price at once in view of the fact that
there were already sufficient shares sold
to enable the company to begin the man-
ufacture of the fire alarm buttons,
facture and sale of the alarm buttons,
but the meeting came to the conclusion
that a short time should be given to en-
able those who had signed their inten-
tion of taking shares to do so.

The manufacture of the fire alarm but-
tons will mean another addition to the
industries located in Victoria, and the in-
stallation of the alarms will eventually
advertise this city over the whole of Can-
ada.

At the close of the meeting proper,
Alfred Taylor, the inventor of the auto-
matic fire alarm button, gave an interest-
ing demonstration and talk on the sys-
tem.

The beautiful catalogues, showing cuts
of the different kinds of buttons, may be
procured at the company's office, 44 Fort
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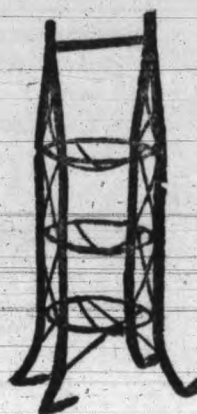


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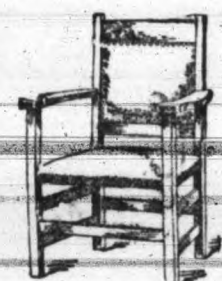


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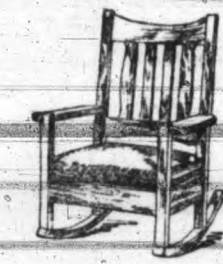
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BISMARCK'S BELL.

A new story about Prince Bismarck,
when he first went as the representa-
tive of Prussia to the Federal Diet at
Frankfurt, is being told in Berlin.
Prussia was then of very small ac-
count compared with Austria, and
Bismarck found that he was treated
with indifference at his hotel. He
was given a room which had not even
a bell, and when he complained he was
told that what was good enough for
other travellers was good enough for
the Prussian delegate.
Bismarck said no more, but early the
next morning the hotel was startled by
a tremendous explosion. The landlord
came rushing into Bismarck's room to
know what was the matter, and was
told that as there was no bell, the
Prussian delegate had arranged with
his valet to fire a pistol whenever he
required his services.
Bismarck got his bell without delay.
Sketch.

At Fulwood, near Preston, a farm in-
habited named Bamber has died from septic
poisoning, set up by a prick from a
thorn.

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